

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
OCTOBER 18-19, 2000 Resolution No. 3: Open-Ended Presumptive Period for Undiagnosed Illnesses for Gulf War
Veterans Origin: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Submitted By: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

WHEREAS, Thousands of Gulf War veterans still suffer from chronic unexplained physical symptoms; and

WHEREAS, The numerous symptoms experienced by sick Gulf War veterans are not well understood and the causes of such symptoms remain elusive and answers could likely remain evasive for some time; and

WHEREAS, There currently is little significant research on long-term health effects of many of the agents Gulf War veterans were potentially exposed to during the Gulf War; and

WHEREAS, Additional research into the long-term health effects of exposures is needed, a fact confirmed recently in a report by the Institute of Medicine on the health effects of exposures during the Gulf War; and

WHEREAS, The current presumptive period for undiagnosed illnesses expires January 1, 2002; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in
Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 18-19, 2000, That The American Legion urge that legislation be enacted to extend
the presumptive period for service connection for undiagnosed illnesses indefinitely.