

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Resolution No. 23: Strategy To Address Illegal Immigration

Submitted by: Americanism Commission

WHEREAS, The American Legion is a federally-chartered veterans organization of about 2.7 million members, who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces during a period of armed conflict; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion, since its inception in 1919, has expressed concern that legal and illegal immigrants arriving in this country in large numbers would be unable to effectively assimilate into our society unless numerical quotas were established and enforced; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion's concern is exacerbated by the estimates by immigration reform groups and reports by news sources and others that as many as 12 to 20 million individuals are in this country illegally; and

WHEREAS, The influx of illegal aliens into this country presents a national security concern at a time when acts of terrorism perpetrated by individuals and factions opposed to the United States are occurring worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Americans are becoming increasingly frustrated by what they see as the federal government's reluctance and/or failure to stop this large influx of illegals and the actions by some states to provide taxpayer funded services and other benefits to illegal aliens thus providing additional incentives for more people to enter this country illegally; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion has passed numerous resolutions calling for the enforcement and/or reform of the government's immigration laws, policies and procedures and now seeks to combine many of the positions into a single resolution concisely stating The American Legion's positions and strategy to resolve this complex matter; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED By the National Executive Committee, The American Legion, in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 9-10, 2007, That The American Legion, on behalf of all Americans and future generations of Americans, urge the Congress and the federal government to authorize and fund the following strategy in addressing the issue of illegal aliens in the United States:

1. Secure the borders and other points of entry in the United States:

- (a) Construct physical barriers, as appropriate,**
- (b) Acquire and utilize latest technology to monitor border activity,**
- (c) Employ and train a sufficient number of U.S. Border Patrol Agents to effectively patrol border regions with employment preference given to former members of the U.S. Armed Forces,**
- (d) Utilize National Guard troops to assist in providing border security,**

- (e) Insure all vessels and their cargo arriving at our seaports are thoroughly searched;
- 2. Eliminate the jobs magnet and social services benefits:
 - (a) Mandate verification of employment eligibility,
 - (b) Enforce employer sanctions,
 - (c) Make illegal residents ineligible for Social Security and other government-sponsored public services,
 - (d) Eliminate governmental financial aid for illegal alien students;
- 3. Enforce existing laws and pass new laws to reduce U.S. illegal population:
 - (a) Reject amnesty or “legalization” programs for illegal aliens,
 - (b) Enforce immigration laws and promote cooperation between federal, state and local law enforcement officials, with emphasis on interior enforcement,
 - (c) Establish parameters for non-criminal deportations,
 - (d) Prohibit eligibility to services offered by financial institutions in the United States,
 - (e) Issue no drivers licenses to illegal aliens,
 - (f) Designate English as the official language of the U.S. government and print all documents, including election ballots, in the English language only,
 - (g) Work with state and local governments to discourage illegal settlement;
- 4. Revise legal immigration procedures; screen and track foreign visitors legally entering the U.S.:
 - (a) Eliminate the Visa Lottery Program,
 - (b) Restrict the number of countries participating in the Visa Waiver Program,
 - (c) Create new visa categories or expand the H-2A and H-2B Visa Categories for temporary agricultural and temporary and seasonal workers as necessary to replace illegal workers eliminated from employment opportunities in the U.S.,
 - (d) Create and enforce a reporting system to track the whereabouts of foreign visitors to include students at academic institutions, members of a country’s diplomatic corps, aircraft and vessel crews, foreign press representatives, exchange visitors, H-1B Workers, L-1 Intracompany Transferees and those individuals categorized as humanitarian entrants; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion seize every opportunity to request an accountability of our elected officials in implementing and enforcing federal and international laws and treaties to eliminate the large numbers of individuals from foreign countries entering the United States illegally and that all candidates for public office and the Democratic and Republican National Committees express publicly to the American people their positions and solutions to this grave danger to our country’s stability.