WHEREAS, the events of what is now being called the Boston Marathon Bombings of April 15, 2013 shocked this nation with its brutality and indiscriminate nature, and

WHEREAS, this act of terrorism caused the death of three innocent bystanders including an eight year old boy along with serious wounds to two hundred sixty four other spectators and participants requiring treatment in twenty four local hospitals with at least fourteen amputations, and

WHEREAS, The immediate assistance of first responders consisting of fellow citizens, runners, police and fire department officers, doctors, nurses and bystanders, brought aid, comfort and instant medical first aid to those injured; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Sons of The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Houston, Texas, August 23-25, 2013, by the members of the Sons of The American Legion, that we express our respect, admiration and thanks to all who "First Responded" to the needs of their fellow citizens. These acts of selfless assistance to those in need truly expresses and enforces the ideals of Americanism and Community Service as outlined in the Four Pillars on which The American Legion Family stands.