

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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Resolution No. 23: Display Of The Flag Of The United States In School Classrooms

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WHEREAS, Many classrooms in the United States do not display the Flag of the United States and do not participate in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; and

WHEREAS, At an early age, children should begin to develop an appreciation for the Nation and for what the Flag of the United States represents; and

WHEREAS, The Flag of the United States is an important symbol of this Nation;
and

WHEREAS, Respect for the Flag of the United States is a foundation upon which to build an understanding of the sacrifices made by the Nation's forefathers and veterans;
and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 160 titled "Pledge of Allegiance" passed during the 2003 National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, encourages the nation's schools to include the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by teachers and students in regular school activities and events; and

WHEREAS, Many state governments have legislation mandating the display of the Flag of the United States in school classrooms; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 8-9, 2003, That The American Legion, at all levels, encourage and support efforts to display the Flag of the United States in the nation's school classrooms.