**THE AMERICAN LEGION**

**DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA**

**1601 7TH STREET, SANGER, CA, 93657-2801**

**103 Annual Department Convention**

**June 24-26, 2022**

**Resolution No. 2022-009**

**Subject: Provide Equity to Filipino WWII Veterans**

**Origin: American Legion Post 510 San Francisco**

**Submitted By: Jafilam M. dela Cruz**

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS**,** the Philippines was the “Pearl Harbor” in Asia and the Filipino Veterans of WWII were the front-liners whose experience included the Bataan Death March and played a significant role in preserving freedom in the world;

WHEREAS**,** The Filipino Veterans suffered the injustice, as a result of the “The Rescission Act of 1946”, of retroactively having their compensation and benefits annulled that would have been payable to Filipino troops for their service during WWII; and,

WHEREAS, ALP510 San Francisco Post has collaborated with the Filipino American Society of Architects and Engineers (FASAE) to develop a tangible benefit towards a lifestyle with dignity for the Filipino WWII veterans and their families through technical support for “building back better and safer shelter” in conjunction with a project initiated by the International Organization for Migration, United Nations (IOM, UN.); now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, That at the American Legion Department of California Convention assembled in Visalia, CA, on June 24-26, 2022, delegates approve to support ALP510, San Francisco in District 8 (Area 2) of the Department of California, in doing outreach to over 250,000 WWII Filipino Veterans throughout the respective communities of American Legion Posts to “build back better and safer shelter”; as well as to disseminate and implement education programs specifically designed for succeeding generations to remain motivated, vigilant, and ready to do what is necessary to maintain and sustain the freedom that were preserved by the sacrifices of these warriors using the resources developed by FilVetREP (**[**www.FilVetREP.org**](http://www.FilVetREP.org)**); as well as the resources of an educational program for High School students as created by The Bataan Legacy Historical Society in its website** [**www.bataanlegacy.org**](http://www.bataanlegacy.org) **).**

This is to certify that the above resolution was adopted by Post 510, District 8, and Department of California

Jafilam M. dela Cruz\_\_5/31/2022 Rodrigo L dela Concepcion, Jr \_\_\_5/31/2022

Post Commander Date Post Adjutant Date

Helen Wong\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 5/31/2022 \_Paul Cox5/31/2022

District Commander Date District Adjutant Date

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Department Commander Date Department Adjutant Date

Supporting Documents to Resolution to Provide Equity to Filipino WWII Veterans:

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