**THE AMERICAN LEGION**

**DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA**

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**103rd Annual Department Convention, Visalia, California**

 **June 23-26, 2022**

**Department Resolution No. \_\_2022-013\_\_**

# Subject: REOPEN CLOSED-TO-NEW-INTERMENT NATIONAL CEMETERIES

# RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, According to <https://www.cem.va.gov/facts/Facts_About_NCA.asp>, under “Twenty percent (105,845 Veterans interred) of U.S. Veterans who died (592,682) in FY 2020 were buried in a national, state or tribal Veterans cemetery,” and “as new Veterans cemeteries open, this percentage is expected to increase;” and

WHEREAS, National Cemetery Administration (NCA) surveys indicate that Veterans choose not to use national cemeteries because of travel and distance barriers while other surveys indicate that most families must frequently visit their newly departed loved-ones as part of their grieving therapy and/or closure process; and

WHEREAS, According to <https://www.cem.va.gov/cems/allnational.asp>, there are over 80 NCA facilities that are “closed to new interments” and we can increase the percentage of Veterans interred annually by reopening these “closed” facilities for cremated remains; now therefore, be it

# RESOLVED, That The American Legion in a Department of California Convention assembled in Visalia, CA, on June 23-28, 2022, urges the National Cemetery Administration to reopen “closed to new interments” facilities for cremated remains in order to increase the percentage of Veterans interred.

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

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