**THE AMERICAN LEGION**

**DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA**

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

 **June 23-26, 2022**

**Department Resolution No. \_\_2022-014\_\_**

# Subject: REPEAL THE RESCISSION ACT OF 1946

# RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, From July 26, 1941 to December 31, 1946, Filipino US Army soldiers and guerrillas fought and defended a sovereign territory of the United States, as part of the U.S. Armed Forces in the Far East and defeated the Japanese Imperial Forces in Oct 1944 and liberated the Philippines in August 1945; and

WHEREAS, The Rescission Act of 1946 provided that “service in the Commonwealth Army of the Philippines should not be deemed to have been service in the military or naval forces of the United States,” therefore, post-WWII benefits for Filipino Veterans of the U.S. Army were no longer the problem of the U.S. government; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, US Representative Nancy Pelosi stated, “I consider the Rescission Act of 1946 to be a scar on the historical record of the United States,” and this injustice to Filipino WWII veterans remains a dark chapter in U.S. history for as long as the 1946 Rescission Act remains in the books; 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 Congress to act and repeal the Rescission Act of 1946 in order to correct the injustice that these Veterans have suffered and to heal the indignation and sorrow they have endured.

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

\_\_Arles DeMayo\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_5/17/2022\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_Paul Del Rosario\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_5/17/2022\_\_\_

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