

**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
102<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION  
THE HILTON, HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA  
JULY 15 – 18, 2021**

Resolution No. 102-1

Submitted by: William Whitmoyer  
Legislative Committee Chairman

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- WHEREAS, The American Legion is the largest Veterans Service Organization in the United States and its allied countries; and
- WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Department of the American Legion is the largest Department of the 55 Departments comprising the National organization; and
- WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Department of the American Legion is consistently at the forefront of Veteran, Patriotic, Military and community initiatives; and
- WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Department of The American Legion develops, reviews, amends and provides resolutions to the Pennsylvania State Legislature on Commonwealth legislation, issues, resolutions and bills related to the branches of service, Veterans' Affairs, Veterans' Healthcare, Veterans' Benefits, Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security, Veterans' Training, Education and Transition, and support for military families; and
- WHEREAS, The original legislative action out of which the Continental Navy grew was adopted in Philadelphia when the Second Continental Congress passed a resolution to procure two armed vessels on October 13, 1775, in anticipation of the conflict with the British Empire; and
- WHEREAS, The Continental Marines were established by the Second Continental Congress on November 10, 1775 to augment naval forces in the Revolutionary War and conduct ship-to-ship fighting. The Marine recruiting headquarters was in the Tun Tavern on Water Street in Philadelphia, which is considered to be the birthplace of the Marines; and
- WHEREAS, 2025 will mark the 250th anniversary of the United States Navy and United States Marine Corps; and
- WHEREAS, Pennsylvania State Representative Greg Rothman has introduced a Resolution to beseech the Secretary of the Navy designating Philadelphia and portions of the Delaware River as the site of the main celebration of the 250th birthdays of the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps; and
- WHEREAS, The 140,000 Legionnaires, 65,000 Sons of the American Legion, 68,000 Auxiliary Members and nearly 4,000 Legion Riders of the Department of Pennsylvania support Representative Rothman's resolution; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That The Pennsylvania American Legion, in Convention assembled at the Harrisburg Hilton Hotel, Harrisburg, PA, July 15-18, does hereby approve unanimous support of Representative Rothman's resolution**

**RESOLVED, That The Pennsylvania American Legion Department Executive Committee calls upon the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, the Pennsylvania State Senate, the 18 members of the United States Congress representing Pennsylvania, United States Senators Robert Casey and Patrick Toomey and Governor Tom Wolf to petition the Secretary of the Navy to designate Philadelphia and portions of the Delaware River as the site of the main celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> birthdays of the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the members of both Chambers of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, forwarded to the 18 members of the United States Congress representing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, forwarded to United States Senators Robert Casey and Patrick Toomey; and be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf.**

APPROVED  REJECTED  REFERRED  CONSOLIDATED  FILED