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MILITARY ORDER
OF THE WORLD WARS

NATIONAL RESOLUTION

MOWW YOUTH PATRIOTIC SERVICE

WHEREAS, the United States' core value system is based on moral and religious values, and the men and women of our Armed Forces who fought and died during World Wars I, II, and all other subsequent wars, made tremendous sacrifices while strengthened by those same values; and

WHEREAS, service has been a part of the Nation's core values and social fabric since its founding. Together, military, national, public, and volunteer service shapes almost every aspect of American life and help meet the Nation's many critical needs; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America is a country built on the honor of serving - to one another, to the community, and to the Nation. Securing our Nation extends beyond military service: over time, and with each generation, this spirit of service has continued to grow, playing a central role in strengthening civil society and shaping the Nation's character; and

WHEREAS, the act of patriotism is a core American value, ensuring our country's future for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, selfless service in America is patriotic and grants each of us as citizens to become stakeholders in our country, thus promoting citizenship as part of the fabric of our country and a critical ingredient towards a vibrant and healthy democracy; and

WHEREAS, upon the conclusion of World War One, G/A John "Blackjack" Pershing encouraged his soldiers to continue their selfless service to America after their active military service ended; and

WHEREAS, the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW), founded in 1919 by soldiers who served under General Pershing, is a patriotic, non-partisan Veterans Service Organization (VSO) dedicated to promoting and encouraging good citizenship and patriotic education through youth character development programs, military and public service, and strong national security, emulating



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the Order's motto: "It is nobler to serve than to be served", thus promoting a life of honorable and selfless patriotic service; and

WHEREAS, MOWW upholds to "inculcate and stimulate love of our Country and the Flag" as well as "promote and further patriotic education in our Nation", as articulated in the Order's Constitution Preamble; and

WHEREAS, MOWW's flagship Patriotic Education Program focuses on civics education, citizenship, the importance of core values, patriotic service, recognition, and leadership education; and

WHEREAS, our 43rd President of the United States, George W. Bush, stated in an October 1, 2001 letter to MOWW: "... The Military Order of the World Wars helps strengthen our Nation by teaching our young men and women that patriotism is a virtue ...".

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Executive Committee of the General Staff, on May 20, 2026, requires each and every one of our Companions to inspire today's youth by emphasizing that our youth are citizens with a patriotic obligation to serve their country, either through military, national, public, or volunteer service, thus advocating the critical importance of their service towards the future of our country, and that they are stakeholders in ensuring our country's freedom and prosperity for generations to come. This emphasis is to be inculcated throughout each of our Youth Leadership Conferences and Seminars, at our annual National Youth Civic Summit, during classroom presentations, and through each Youth Character Development Program our Order supports.