

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
August 30, 31, September 1, 2022**

Resolution No. 44: Oppose Government Benefits for Illegal Immigrants

Origin: Texas

Submitted by: Convention Committee on National Security

WHEREAS, The American Legion has addressed immigration from the beginning of its existence; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion believes in a legal mechanism of immigration encouraging assimilation to the American way of life and education of the Constitution and the government established therein; and

WHEREAS, According to the Department of Homeland Security, there are 11.8 million illegal immigrants in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Many sources estimate the number of illegal immigrants is more than twice the official estimate; and

WHEREAS, Tens of thousands of illegal immigrants are entering the country every month; and

WHEREAS, Immigrants entering the United States legally are required to have a sponsor and a method of supporting themselves, where illegal immigrants receive benefits such as monthly compensation, food, medical care, unemployment, subsidized housing, and free cell phones at great expense to the American taxpayer; and

WHEREAS, People do what they are incentivized to do; and

WHEREAS, To incentivize the flood of illegal immigrants is not compassionate, but subjecting them and our country to human trafficking, drug trafficking, crime, and the enriching of drug cartels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 30, 31, September 1, 2022, That all illegal immigrants be ineligible for any type of government benefits; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That it is compassionate to return them across the border.