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THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
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JULY 16-20, 2025 – GREEN BAY, WI

Resolution: **7.2025**

Subject: **Funding the World Trade Center Health Program**

Submitted by: **Waushara County WI American Legion**

Referred to Convention Committee on Legislation

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, In the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on 9/11/2001 America found its strength in the heroism of our first responders, and witnessed the sacrifice of 2,977 souls in New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington DC; and

WHEREAS, the official response time to the terrorist attacks on 9/11/2001 in New York was 5 seconds, and within 4 minutes of the attack the FDNY had established an incident command post; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifice of health was even greater and documented by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) study titled “Development of the Inventory of 9/11 Agents” recording 352 toxic substances 9/11 responders and survivors were exposed to in New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington DC, many leading to serious illness and death; and

WHEREAS, the World Trade Center Health Program (WTC HP) was created to focus on, and specialize in, the healthcare and treatment specific to the common illnesses impacting the 9/11 community; and

WHEREAS, US military responders and survivors of the terrorist attacks on 9/11/2001 were allowed to begin enrolling in the WTC HP on September 11, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the WTC HP currently has more than 140,000 members enrolled and an estimated 8,500 responders and survivors to the Pentagon crash site could be eligible for healthcare with the WTC HP; and

WHEREAS, the WTC HP is a vital program for the 9/11 community that is facing a funding shortfall due to the steep rise in healthcare costs; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the American Legion support the efforts of the public and private sector agencies and organizations that have resources necessary to aid 9/11/2001 responders, survivors, and their families; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the American Legion support and advocate for legislative or administrative proposals that will provide full and permanent funding for the WTC HP; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, that the American Legion expresses strong support in the importance of collaboration among agencies and sectors to meet the needs of veterans.

For Convention Committee Use

**This is to certify that the above resolution was
duly acted upon by the Department Convention
held in Green Bay, Wisconsin, July 2025.**

Signature

Chairman or Secretary

Of Convention Committee on

Approved _____ **Rejected** _____

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