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**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN  
106<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION  
JULY 16-20, 2025 – GREEN BAY, WI**

**Resolution:**               **5.2025**

**Subject:**                   **REAFFIRM SUPPORT OF VETERANS DAY AS A LEGAL HOLIDAY IN WISCONSIN**

**Submitted by:**           **Olson-Grinde-O'Donell Post 348, Dane County Council and Third District**

**Referred to Convention Committee on Legislation**

**R E S O L U T I O N**

- WHEREAS,** President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as Armistice Day in 1919 to honor veterans of World War I; and
- WHEREAS,** November 11 honors the historical significance of the end of World War I; and
- WHEREAS,** An act of the Congress of the United States (52 Stat 351; 5 U.S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, designated November 11 of each year as a federal legal holiday; and
- WHEREAS,** In 1954, at the urging of veteran service organizations, the Congress of the United States amended the Act of 1938, thereafter designating November 11 as Veterans Day to honor all American war veterans; and
- WHEREAS,** Wisconsin is the only state in the United States that has not designated November 11, Veterans Day, as an official holiday; and
- WHEREAS,** According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, there are over 350,000 veterans in the State of Wisconsin, and
- WHEREAS,** Sec 118.02(13) Wisconsin Statutes requires schools to hold special observance days on Veterans Day; and
- WHEREAS,** Sec 14.16(9m) Wisconsin Statutes requires the governor to issue a suitable proclamation for the observance of "Veteran Recognition Week" -- the 7-day period that ends on November 11 -- encouraging all citizens to honor veterans during the week, emphasizing educational efforts directed at teaching students concerning the contributions and sacrifices of veterans; and
- WHEREAS:** Sec 421.301(6) Wisconsin Statutes excludes Veterans Day under the

definition of a business day; and

**WHEREAS:** Sec 230.35(4)(d) Wisconsin Statutes provides state employees with a paid floating personal holiday designated Veterans Day; and

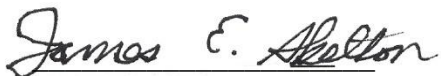
**WHEREAS:** It is critical to pause on Veterans Day from the labors of work and school to honor the sacrifices of all veterans of America's wars who answered their Nation's call to arms when needed to preserve our God given right to freedom and liberty; and

**WHEREAS,** Resolution 5.2015 approved at the Department Convention assembled in Appleton, Wisconsin July 17- 19, 2015, called upon the state legislature and governor to take action to make November 11, Veterans Day, an official state holiday; and

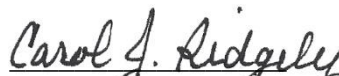
**WHEREAS,** The state legislature has failed to act to make November 11 an official holiday; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** By the American Legion Department of Wisconsin assembled in Green Bay, Wisconsin on July 19, 2025, that The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin reaffirms our commitment to call upon the state legislature and governor to designate Veterans Day November 11 as an official state holiday.

**FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF POST 348**



James E. Skelton, Commander  
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Carol J. Ridgely, Adjutant  
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**FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF DANE COUNTY COUNCIL:**

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Scott Klassy  
Dane County Commander

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Dane County Adjutant

**FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Department of Wisconsin American Legion:**

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Dan O'Brien  
3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander

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Denise Rohan  
3<sup>rd</sup> District Adjutant

**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**

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**Chairman or Secretary  
Of Convention Committee on**

**Approved** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rejected** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Refer to standing committee on**

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**Other action**

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