

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: #23-26

SUBMITTED BY: The American Legion, Department of Michigan

SUBJECT: Investigate National Security Risks Posed by Artificial Intelligence

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The American Legion is committed to ensuring the safety and security of the United States and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, The rapid advancement of artificial intelligence (AI) technology has the potential to significantly impact national security, including military operations, critical infrastructure, and intelligence gathering; and

WHEREAS, AI technologies, such as autonomous weapons systems, cybersecurity threats, and surveillance capabilities present both opportunities and risks to our nation's security; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative to understand and assess the potential national security risks associated with AI in order to develop effective policies, strategies, and regulations to mitigate those risks; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion recognizes the importance of maintaining a technological edge while safeguarding American values and principles; and

WHEREAS, Comprehensive research and analysis are required to identify and evaluate the potential risks and vulnerabilities associated with AI systems, including their potential misuse by hostile actors, impact on military readiness, and threats to personal privacy; and

WHEREAS, Cooperation among government agencies, the private sector, academic institutions, and independent experts is crucial to conducting a thorough and objective investigation into the national security implications of AI; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Department Convention assembled in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, July 7-9, 2023, that the Department of Michigan support and endorse a comprehensive investigation into the national security risks posed by artificial intelligence; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That we call upon the United States Congress, the Department of Defense, the intelligence community, and other relevant government agencies to allocate resources and establish an interdisciplinary task force composed of experts in AI, national security, ethics, and law to conduct the investigation; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the investigation should focus on, but not be limited to, the following area:

1. Assessing the potential risks associated with AI technologies in civilian and military applications, including autonomous weapons systems, cyber warfare, and potential vulnerabilities that could be exploited by adversaries.
2. Analyzing the impact of AI on critical infrastructure, such as power grids, transportation networks, and communication systems, and identifying potential vulnerabilities and strategies to protect against AI-related threats.
3. Evaluating the risks and challenges posed by AI in intelligence gathering, including data privacy concerns, information manipulation, and potential exploitation by foreign entities.
4. Examining ethical considerations and legal frameworks to ensure that AI technologies align with American values, international norms, and legal obligations, while minimizing potential abuses.
5. Identifying opportunities for collaboration and information sharing among government agencies, the private sector, academic institutions, and international partners to address AI-related national security risks; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Legion urges Congress and the relevant government agencies to utilize the findings and recommendations from the investigation to develop robust policies, regulations, and international agreements that enhance national security while fostering responsible AI development and usage; and, be it

FINALLY RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the United States Congress, the Department of Defense, the intelligence community, and other relevant government agencies to express the American Legion's support for an investigation into the national security risks posed by artificial intelligence.

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