

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

**RESOLUTION:** #23-31  
**SUBMITTED BY:** The American Legion, Department of Michigan  
**SUBJECT:** Support U.S. Military Joint Force Modernization

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** The American Legion has a longstanding commitment to supporting our military and advocating for policies and programs that enhance our national security; and

**WHEREAS,** The international rules-based order that has kept great power peace since the end of World War II is under stress, and the United States is facing growing rivalry with China, Russia and other authoritarian states whose national security interests are in competition with the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** The national security environment is undergoing a profound transformation, and new technologies and strategies are necessary to ensure that our military remains prepared to dominate and, if necessary, defeat emerging threats; and

**WHEREAS,** The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has stated that the United States joint force is at an inflection point and must balance current operations' readiness with future modernization; and

**WHEREAS,** Modernization is a continuous process that is based on understanding emerging and evolving threats, the changing character of warfare, the rapid proliferation of technology, and the missions the U.S. military will be ordered to undertake while ensuring a warfighting advantage over adversaries; and

**WHEREAS,** Modernization of the Armed Forces is essential to maintaining the readiness and effectiveness of our military, and requires sustained investment in research, development, testing, engineering, acquisition, recruiting, training; and

**WHEREAS,** The joint force must fully integrate emerging technologies, including precision long-range fires, hypersonic weapons, quantum computing, artificial intelligence, robotics, and pervasive all-domain sensors, assured all-domain command and control to maintain its position as the most lethal and capable military in the world; and

**WHEREAS,** The Army of 2030 vision aims to transform into a multi-domain force capable of conducting large-scale combat operations and engaging in sustained competition through modernization efforts such as soldier lethality, future vertical lift, air and missile defense, long-range precision fires, network-enabled mission command, and robotic and autonomous systems; and

**WHEREAS,** The Marine Corps Force Design 2030 seeks to create a more lethal, agile, and distributed naval expeditionary crisis response force through prioritization of Stand-in forces, expeditionary advanced base operations, all-domain command, control and fires capabilities, training, and talent management to deny an adversary its immediate objectives and enable other joint forces; and

**WHEREAS,** The Navy's Force Design 2045 modernization efforts seek to maintain open sea lanes through distributed maritime operations, integration of additional unmanned vessels in a hybrid fleet, installation of ungradable higher-power weapons and sensors, ensuring delivery of support/logistics, and generating advantage for making decisions to decisively win our nation's wars when called upon; and

**WHEREAS**, The U.S. Air Force and Space Force are modernizing their ability to protect and maintain supremacy in air and space, through improving airborne battle management, electronic warfare, tactical air dominance, resilient forward basing, agile combat employment, increased global strike capacity, and high readiness levels to deploy and win; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Thirty-Day Meeting, assembled in Lansing, Michigan, July 26, 2023, that The American Legion supports the modernization of the United States Armed Forces to ensure that it is ready to fight and win in all domains of conflict, taking into account the evolving character of modern warfare; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That The American Legion calls upon Congress to provide adequate funding to support the joint warfighting modernization efforts and ensure the U.S. military retains its lethality and capability advantages around the world; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That The American Legion reaffirms its commitment to the defense of the United States and its allies and supports efforts to maintain high states of current readiness while simultaneously modernizing for the future operating environment and taking care of our servicemembers and their families; and, be it

**FINALLY RESOLVED**, That this resolution be forwarded to National.

APPROVED, AS AMENDED

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