



RESOLUTION

Retention of the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” Law and Policy

WHEREAS, in 1993, Congress passed a law affirming that homosexuality is incompatible with military service; and

WHEREAS, Congress passed this law to protect good order, discipline, morale, and unit cohesion in the Armed Forces, which has been upheld in federal courts; and

WHEREAS, we are greatly concerned about the impact of any proposed repeal of this law on the morale, discipline, unit cohesion, and overall military readiness of our Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, any change in the law would undermine recruiting and retention, impact leadership at all echelons, adversely affect parents’ willingness to support their sons and daughters joining the Military Services, and would degrade the readiness of the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, this law should be continued with the support of both Congress and the Commander-in-Chief to send a clear message of support to all members of the Uniformed Services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Military Order of the World Wars, in convention, in Baltimore, Maryland, August 11-16, 2009, urges retention of the 1993 law referred to as the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” Department of Defense policy and opposes any legislative, judicial, or administrative efforts to change, repeal, or invalidate this law and policy.