

# House Joint Resolution 10

Sponsored by Representatives WHISNANT, BARKER, Senators DEVLIN, BOQUIST; Representative ESQUIVEL

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Declares March 2009 American Legion Month.

## JOINT RESOLUTION

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2       Whereas the American Legion was founded in March 1919 and chartered by Congress in Sep-  
3       tember 1919 as a patriotic, war-time organization; and

4       Whereas the American Legion and its nearly three million members have continually exhibited  
5       a deep sense of pride in community and have ensured a strong America by serving veterans and  
6       their families; and

7       Whereas the American Legion was responsible for the original GI bill that enabled millions of  
8       veterans to obtain education and home loans; and

9       Whereas the American Legion was instrumental in the passage of legislation that created the  
10      United States Department of Veterans Affairs; and

11      Whereas the American Legion continues to work for an amendment to the United States Con-  
12      stitution to protect the American flag from desecration and mandatory funding to ensure adequate  
13      operation of Veterans Affairs medical facilities; and

14      Whereas the American Legion operates a support network for families of active duty military  
15      personnel and members of the National Guard and Reserves; and

16      Whereas more than 25,000 Legionnaires belonging to 120 posts across Oregon and more than  
17      10,000 members of the Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary statewide  
18      volunteer thousands of hours to assist our veterans and their communities; now, therefore,

19      **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

20      That we, the members of the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly, honor the service to this  
21      country of the American Legion and its members by declaring March 2009 American Legion Month.

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