

**THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA**  
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**Visalia, CA 93291**

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**Department Resolution No. 2025 - 022**  
**Subject: FULLY IMPLEMENT ACORN NATIONWIDE BY FFY 2027**  
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**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Hospitals and health systems, including the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), are increasingly working to identify patients' social risks and address social needs as part of clinical care; and WHEREAS, Assessing Circumstances and Offering Resources for Needs (ACORN) is a VHA social risk screening and referral program that aims to identify and address unmet social needs among all Veterans to improve health outcomes and advance health equity; and WHEREAS, ACORN aims to: 1) systematically screen Veterans for health-related social needs in nine domains (food, housing, utilities, transportation, education, employment, legal, social isolation/loneliness, and digital needs); 2) provide clinical care teams real-time information about Veterans' unmet needs; and 3) address identified needs through the provision of resources and referrals, including offering resource guides, support navigating resources, and/or referrals to Social Work or other relevant VHA and non-VHA services; and WHEREAS, Positive identification of need(s) through ACORN will prompt follow-up care to assist Veterans, and ACORN resource guides can serve as an effective tool to support Veterans in identifying, connecting with, and receiving assistance from VA and community services.; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED, By The American Legion Department of California at the Department Convention in Visalia, California, on June 26-29, 2025 that the Veterans Affairs must fully implement “Assessing Circumstances and Offering Resources for Needs” nationwide by Federal Fiscal Year 2027.**

This is to certify by the signatures below that the above Resolution was passed as described:

*Paul del Rosario / Raymond Hart*

April 17, 2025

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