



League of United Latin American Citizens

Resolution for LULAC to Oppose the Banning of Books in Florida Schools Under House Bill 1467

WHEREAS, the mission of the league of United Latin American citizens is to advance the economic condition educational attainment political influence housing health and several rights of the Hispanic population of the United States and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of education and the state of Florida are responsible for the education Well-being and protection of our states children under the U.S. Constitution and the equal protection clause of the 14th amendment and

WHEREAS, section of Florida's 2023 house bill 1467 requires all books available to student and public schools including those within course curriculum recommended or assigned reading list classroom, libraries, and school libraries be reviewed by a district employee holding the valid educational media specialist certificate to ensure that they are free of so-called pornography or race based teaching and

WHEREAS, books written by Latinx authors including Elizabeth Acevedo's The poor X, Matt De La Peña Mexican White Boy, Alex Sanchez Bait, and Adam Silvera's More Happy Than Not have been removed from floor school libraries and classroom libraries under HB 1467 and

WHEREAS, books Wiley considered class works of American literature including, Tony Morrison's Blue Eye and Aldous Huxley's Brave New World have been removed from Florida school libraries and classroom libraries under HB 1467 and

WHEREAS, thousands of children are being denied the right to read and learn from these books which hold significant education and cultural value, which could assist children in understanding the world in which we live, and which were once deemed appropriate offerings by Florida certified education media specialist and

WHEREAS, individual parents and families have the right and responsibility to decide what literature their children consume which can be regulated through the 'opt-out' process, which allows parents to opt their child out of consuming any literature a parent deems inappropriate for their child

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the LULAC denounce and challenge Florida's House Bill 1467

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