



League of United Latin American Citizens

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE EFFORT TO BUILD AND
EXPAND THE YOUTH HEALTH SERVICE CORPS ACROSS THE
NATION**

WHEREAS, there is a twenty year death gap (life expectancy gap) between the insured and the uninsured in many areas of the nation, and

WHEREAS, several of our LULAC councils have been involved in organizing a YOUTH HEALTH SERVICE CORPS at high schools and elementary schools, and

WHEREAS, the youth health service corps has secured the participation of medical students from Rush University Medical Center and several other Medical Schools who provided instruction to the high school and elementary students in the 5 chronic diseases of Diabetes, Heart disease, cancer, Asthma and hiv/aids, and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of the medical students, the YOUTH HEALTH SERVICE CORPS has provided screening and follow up care to thousands of their parents and community members, and

WHEREAS, while assisting eligible individuals to enroll in the national health insurance the YOUTH HEALTH SERVICE CORPS, many of whose high school members are “dreamers” has worked especially hard to provide screening and to advocate for follow-up care for the thousands of undocumented families who are currently excluded from Obama Care, and

WHEREAS, the crisis in health care in our Latino and undocumented community deserves LULAC’S commitment, and

WHEREAS, this model of youth organization and service to the community should be expanded across the nation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that LULAC urges Governor Quinn, the state legislature of Illinois and the school districts of Illinois to support the YOUTH HEALTH SERVICE CORPS initiative, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that LULAC encouraged private corporations such as Blue Cross Blue Shield Who have supported LULAC in the past to support this Initiative, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that LULAC Illinois urges our national convention to go on record to make this important initiative a national initiative, an initiative which recognize the crisis especially of the millions of Latinos who are currently excluded from the national health insurance and which recognizes the great contribution our youth are making and can make in the future with our support.

Voted and approved at the 2015 National LULAC Convention - July 11, 2015.

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