



## *League of United Latin American Citizens*

### **2015 LULAC RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BI-PARTISAN EFFORTS TO PRESERVE THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965**

**WHEREAS**, The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is the nation's oldest and largest Latino organization, founded in Corpus Christi, Texas on February 24, 1929, and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of LULAC is to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, health and civil rights of the Hispanic population of the United States, and

**WHEREAS**, the right to vote is a fundamental right of United States citizens and is the most important of civic rights and obligations, and

**WHEREAS**, the election of representatives who voice the concerns of the public ensures a responsive and accountable government, and

**WHEREAS**, the Fifteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution ensures that the right of citizens of the United States to vote is not denied on account of race or color, and grants Congress the authority to protect the right to vote, and

**WHEREAS**, The Voting Rights Act of 1965 is a landmark piece of federal legislation in the United States that prohibits racial discrimination in voting. It was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson during the height of the American Civil Rights Movement on August 6, 1965, and deigned to enforce the voting rights guaranteed by the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, the Act resulted in the mass enfranchisement of racial minorities throughout the country, especially in the South. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, the Act is considered to be the most effective piece of civil rights legislation ever enacted in the country; and d Congress later amended the Act five times to expand its protections, and

**WHEREAS**, Voter discrimination based on race, ethnicity, and language minority status is not a thing of the past but a current reality.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, LULAC does hereby record support for the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and urge Congress to pass legislation in order to preserve integrity, equality and fairness in elections in 2015 and beyond,.

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