



League of United Latin American Citizens

Resolution to Amend and Support RECA to include New Mexicans

WHEAREAS, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is a civil right organization; and

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

WHEAREAS, representing the interests of all the people in New Mexico including those in Socorro County who have been negatively affected by exposure to radiation as a result of the test conducted at the trinity site in south Central New Mexico on July 16, 1945. LULAC supports the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act of 1990 (RECA) amendments that have been introduced by Senator Udall, Senator Heinrich, Representatives: Ben Ray Lujan, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Steve Pearce, and others to include New Mexicans in the compensation. The Amendments have not made their way through Congress and have yet to receive a Congressional hearing; and

WHEAREAS, New Mexico has never been included in this fund although the people of New Mexico were the first Downwinders. We must get the amendments entered and pass in 2016. Please ask that all of our representatives in the House and Senate work vigorously this year to get them passed.

Senate Bill or S.B. 331 RECA Amendments of 2015 by Senator Mike Crapo (202-224-61 42) and Senator Tom Udall (202-224-6621).

THEREFORE, HEREBY BE IT RESOLVED, LULAC National supports that the RECA amendments be passed and put into law in New Mexico and that the amendments include full reparations to any affected parties.

Voted and approved at the 2016 National LULAC Convention - July 16, 2016.

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