



League of United Latin American Citizens

Resolution to Celebrate Arizona's LULAC 65 Years of progress – 1951-2016

WHEREAS, 87 years ago, the founders of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) joined together to establish an organization that would become the largest, oldest and most successful Hispanic civil rights and service organization in the United States; and

WHEREAS, since its inception on February 17, 1929 in Corpus Christi, Texas, LULAC has championed the cause of Hispanic Americans in education, employment, economic development and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, the date that the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was signed, February 2, 1848, is commonly regarded as the birth date of Chicanos; and

WHEREAS, people of Mexican origin and descent have greatly contributed to the economy, development and growth of this state and the nation, serving the arts, business, media, industry, agriculture, education and society in myriad ways; and

WHEREAS, despite being promised the rights of citizenship by treaty, the early Mexican-Americans were stripped of their land, homes and property; and

WHEREAS, the early Mexican-Americans faced seemingly insurmountable hardships; their basic rights were denied, their language and culture were suppressed and their opportunities for employment, education and political representation were thwarted; and

WHEREAS, in spite of the insurmountable hardships, Mexican Americans and other Hispanics still achieve high levels of education, are elected to various boards and commissions, serve in the military and volunteer in many health, aging and public safety organizations and,

WHEREAS, this year, the LULAC National will celebrate sixty-five years of community service in Arizona to increase educational opportunities and improve the quality of life for Hispanic Americans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, LULAC National urge that the week of February 17-24, 2016 be designated as; "ARIZONA LULAC WEEK" AND that the citizens of Arizona are asked to join the LULAC National Membership in observing the

organization's sixty-five years of service and outstanding contributions LULAC National has made to the State of Arizona.

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

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