



League of United Latin American Citizens

Resolution in Support that Dominos Be Recognized as a Mind Sport

Whereas, Dominos is an ancient game of skill strategy and calculation played by humans for over 700 years, initially in China, making its way to Europe in the early 18th century and later spreading rapidly across the word; and

Whereas, Dominos is currently played by millions of people worldwide in all continents, with an extremely large portion of players and enthusiasts in Spanish speaking countries and communities in South, Central and North America, The Caribbean and Spain; and

Whereas, a sport is generally recognized as activities which are based in physical athleticism or physical dexterity, however a number of competitive, but non-physical games have claimed and have been granted recognition as mind sports. For instance, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) through the Association of Recognized International Sports (ARISF) recognizes both chess and bridge as bona fide sports and Sports Acord, the International Sports Federation Association, recognizes five non-physical sports; and

Whereas, Dominos are played at a professional level, similar to chess and poker, which numerous organizations and clubs of amateur and professional players exist around the world, some of these organizations, including the International Federation of Dominos and the Federacion Internacional de Domino which organize international competitions; and

Whereas, Dominos has been granted recognition as a mind sport in various countries around the world including these Spanish speaking countries, Panama, Mexico, Cuba, Venezuela, Dominican Republic, Spain, and in Puerto Rico where in November of 2010 it was officially declared a mind sport by legislative action and signed into law by the governor as a highlight of this special occasion in which Puerto Rico hosted the prestigious ‘Juegos Centro Americanos’; and

Whereas, the many benefits of Dominos to society and the individual participants in this mind sport, have been clearly and abundantly documented in numerous reports and studies notably among these are the health and education benefits, Dominos benefits everything, our youth, our seniors and persons with disabilities, it is a family friendly game that enhances the health of the mind and the body;

Therefore, be it resolved, that LULAC National fully endorses all efforts that promote the advancement of any action or initiative calling for the recognition of Dominos as a

mind sport in the state of Massachusetts and the United States of America and we urge all individuals and organizations to join the LULAC National in assisting and supporting this appropriate and highly deserved designation.

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