



League of United Latin American Citizens

Resolution to Ratify the efforts made in Congress regarding the Process to grant the admission of Puerto Rico as a State in the United States

Whereas, the past 6th of November of 2012, general elections in Puerto Rico were carried out as a referendum to provide the town with the opportunity to express their opinion regarding Puerto Rico's political status; and

Whereas, said referendum included two electoral questions; the first being "Are you in favor of maintaining the current political territorial condition?", resulting in 54% of votes leaning towards No (970,910 of 1,798,987). The second question provided the opportunity to choose between alternatives of Civil rights equality, statehood, Independence, or a sovereign free state. The option of statehood was favored by 61.16% of the electorate that voted (834,191 of 1,363,854); and

Whereas, President Barack Obama assigned \$2.5 million to carry out the first ever referendum regarding the status of Puerto Rico, financed by the Federal Government, an action which has not materialized; and

Whereas, LULAC National has approved multiple resolutions to support the claim that the Federal Government ought to provide American citizens residing in the territory of Puerto Rico, with the opportunity to enjoy the same civil rights that American citizens enjoy in the states; and

Whereas, This Civil Rights equality demanded by the American citizens, residents of Puerto Rico, is the same that LULAC National aspires for undocumented immigrants in any of the 50 states,

Therefore, be it resolved, that LULAC National ratifies to continue supporting the efforts made in Congress regarding the process for Puerto Rico to gain Admission as a state of the United States of America; with the HR 727 Project of Admission bill in the U.S Congress.

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

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