

## League of United Latin American Citizens

## RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM AND PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF TRANSGENDER AND GENDER NON-CONFORMING PEOPLE

**WHEREAS**, the present protections under the Equal Protections Clause of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution are at present being undermined by state-level policies in the absence of federal laws defining the specific protections for particular communities from discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, states in particular regions of the nation where Latinos are especially present, and where Latino transgender and gender non-conforming individuals are proud and civically engaged members of the community, have endeavored to undermine the civil liberties of the transgender community through state-law and have heightened fear and suspicion of both communities through condemnable rhetoric; and

**WHEREAS,** LULAC endeavors to present a vigorous defense of all members of the Latino community with equal effort and care wherever national civil rights protections come under threat by actions of the states; and

**WHEREAS**, LULAC publicly supports efforts to dismantle discrimination against LGBTQ Latinos in policy defending against institutional discrimination and school bullying;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that LULAC asserts that the rights, civil liberties, and legal protections afforded to the people of many faiths, cultures, and races living within the United States are to be held in equal regard as they apply to the members of the transgender community; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the League of United Latin American Citizens asserts that the universal human rights of the entirety of the LGBTQ community are not to be undermined, and reasserts that such efforts targeting transgender and gender non-conforming adults and youth in the states, specifically, are abhorrent and condemnable; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that LULAC will be an active party to the defense of the transgender and gender non-conforming communities whenever and wherever the community should have their full civil liberties, dignity, and equal protection from discrimination, harassment, and violence within public and private institutions, as is afforded to them under the equal protection of the law.

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