



League of United Latin American Citizens

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE LEGALIZATION AND USE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA

WHEREAS, the League of United Latin American Citizens advocates for, but not exclusively, for the wellbeing of Hispanics across the United States of America and,

WHEREAS, Hispanic communities along with the rest of the American population suffer from various diseases, some of these populations have limited or no access to existing effective forms of medication, and;

WHEREAS, Medical Marijuana has in many cases proven to be a wonder drug that if properly administered by using certain components of the plant could be used to alleviate the suffering of patients with illnesses such as; Cancer, Autism, HIV and Epilepsy and;

WHEREAS, people from all walks of life have come to appreciate and are doing everything possible to obtain relief for their loved ones through the use of certain derivatives from Marijuana and;

WHEREAS, the Texas legislature, with the exception of some progressive thinking and caring Representatives and Senators, is putting extreme limits on the use of this very beneficial substance and;

WHEREAS, House Bill 2107, authored by State Representative Eddie Lucio III (D) Brownsville would have given safe access, even though under strict conditions as per the bill, to medical cannabis for qualifying patients with certain debilitating medical conditions and;

WHEREAS, under a compassionate status, seriously ill patients would have benefited from the use of cannabidiol and other derivatives with higher levels of THC and;

WHEREAS, because cannabidiol is derived from the Marijuana plant it is put in the same public stigma as recreational Marijuana and;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 269 authored by Senator Jose Menendez (D) from San Antonio was never even scheduled for a committee hearing and;

WHEREAS, Representative Jason Issac (R) from Dripping Springs one of the 77 Democrats and Republicans co-authors of HB2107 speaks volumes when he asserts, “the measure is not about legalization or recreational, it's about treating children and adults with numerous debilitating diseases” and;

WHEREAS, Medical Marijuana dispensaries under tight scrutiny are preparing to make Medical Marijuana accessible under the law for those who suffer and could obtain relief from such treatment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that National LULAC commends the legislative efforts of Texas Representatives Eddie Lucio III (D) from Brownsville and Texas Senator Jose Menendez (D) from San Antonio along with other legislators who have stepped forward in an unprecedented bi-partisan manner in this year's Texas legislative session to bring about relief to those that suffer from various illnesses and could benefit from the use of Medical Marijuana and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that National LULAC will continue its fight for justice on behalf of all those that suffer due to illnesses that could be treated by Medical Marijuana. In addition, National LULAC will be in full support of those pending dispensaries by appealing to the Texas state legislature to allow them to operate for said purpose under the scrutiny of any pertinent state agency or any national entity.

Voted & approved by the National Assembly of the 2017 LULAC National Convention on July 8, 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger C. Rocha, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Roger C. Rocha, Jr.
LULAC National President