

## League of United Latin American Citizens

## RESOLUTION TO PROTECT INDIGENOUS CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IN THE U.S.

**WHEREAS,** in 1929, the founders of the League of Latin American Citizens, (LULAC), joined together to establish an organization that would become the largest, oldest and successful Hispanic civil rights and service organization in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** Indigenous Peoples, referred to as Native Americans, remain within lands of the United States which they reserved unto themselves following European contact; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States, through prolonged and varied actions failed to uphold the treaty relationship established with the Native Nations; and

WHEREAS, the United States continues to engage in practices and formulate policies which are contrary to the well-being and continued existence of the Tribal Nations as well as the individuals who are members and descendants of the Native Nations; and

WHEREAS, the member Nations of the United Nations recognized the need to support and protect the safety, identity and cultural identity of the children of the world, including Indigenous Children within the United States, by enacting the International Convention on the Rights of the Child; and

**WHEREAS**, the member Nations of the United Nations recognized the need to protect the earth, the waters, and the air which surround and define human existence by enacting the International Convention on the Environment;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the League of United Latin American Citizens recognizes the International Convention on the Rights of the Child.

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