



## *League of United Latin American Citizens*

### **RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO INVESTIGATE THE DEATH OF ANDREW KEARSE**

**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**, Andrew Kearse, a 36 year old Bronx, NY, resident died while in the custody of the Schenectady Police Department on May 11, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the New York Daily News reported that the Schenectady Police said that Andrew Kearse had gone to visit a friend in Schenectady, NY, on May 11, 2017 where police stopped him because he was driving aimlessly; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Department of Justice has a history of investigation of the Schenectady Police Department regarding allegations of civil rights abuses, criminal conduct and excessive force, in fact, the Schenectady Police department was under federal monitoring for more than ten years from 2003 to 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 23, 2017, Hawk Newsome, president of Black Lives Matter of Greater New York, said that it has been “almost two weeks now” that Kearse has been dead and the family “has received no information;” and

**WHEREAS**, Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s New York State Police are currently conducting an investigation in to the cause of death of Andrew Kearse; and

**WHEREAS**, Andrew Kearse family members have not received any information from NYS Police regarding medical records of his death in police custody, or any police camera photos or videos of the police encounter that led to Andrew Kearse death while in custody of the Schenectady Police Department;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the League of United Latin American Citizens requests a US Department of Justice Investigation into the death of Andrew Kearse while in police custody in Schenectady, New York.

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

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