

## League of United Latin American Citizens

## RESOLUTION URGING COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

**WHEREAS**, the lack of comprehensive immigration reform has resulted in Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) deportation practices that violate human rights and harm our state and national economies;

**WHEREAS**, current ICE deportation practices have resulted in the break-up of families, which causes devastating economic and emotional harm to the innocent family members of deportees;

**WHEREAS**, reliable studies from respected research institutions confirm the value added to this nation by undocumented immigrant labor and document the exploitive labor practices experienced by many undocumented immigrants;

WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform is needed to make it possible for undocumented workers to fully comply with labor, income tax, and social security laws and will increase their economic and civic contributions to our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) from all over the United States have expressed deep concern for our nation's immigration crisis;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that LULAC strongly urges bipartisan action by Congress and the President to:

- 1. Adopt comprehensive immigration reform that provides legal status with the potential for pathways to citizenship over time;
- 2. Abolish border enforcement practices that separate families and result in economic and emotional hardships to innocent children, including placement in child welfare systems, and the inhumane termination of parental rights;
- 3. Abolish quotas for detention facilities for the undocumented and shut down such detention facilities for people who have not committed any crimes other than not having proper documentation for being in the United States;
- 4. Enforce employment laws regulating the employment of foreign workers in a manner that holds employers accountable, deters discrimination, and prevents exploitive labor practices experienced by undocumented workers;
- 5. Align labor protections with immigration policies and the expressed priority of employing U.S. citizens, including elimination of the agricultural and domestic worker exemptions of the National Labor Relations Act; and
- 6. Approve the expansion of DACA and DAPA until the United States Congress passes comprehensive immigration reform.

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