

League of United Latin American Citizens

RESOLUTION ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

WHEREAS, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is this nation's oldest and largest Latino organization, founded in Corpus Christi, Texas on February 17, 1929; and

WHEREAS, LULAC throughout its history has committed itself to the principles that Latinos have equal access to opportunities in employment, education, housing, and healthcare; and

WHEREAS, approximately one in four women in the United States will experience physical domestic violence at some point in her life; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence victims experience a host of health- and mental health-related consequences at far greater rates than their counterparts who have not been abused; and

WHEREAS, children of mothers who are victims of domestic violence are six times more likely than other children to die before the age of five; and

WHEREAS, only approximately one-quarter of all physical assaults, one-fifth of all rapes, and one-half of all stalking incidents perpetrated against women by intimate partners are reported to the police; and

WHEREAS, the damage caused by domestic violence is not limited by gender, age, ethnicity, or sexual orientation, and

WHEREAS, public awareness has the potential to increase the identification and reporting of abuse by the public, professionals, and victims themselves, and can act as a catalyst to promote issue-based education and long-term prevention;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that LULAC National agrees to support any and all assistance for domestic violence initiatives.

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