



League of United Latin American Citizens

RESOLUTION FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF AMERICA TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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 Indigenous Peoples, including those within the United States, by enacting the International Convention on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples 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 and with which the Native Nations within the United States held and hold a special relationship by enacting the International Convention on the Environment and,

WHEREAS, nations of the world, recognizing the diminishment and destruction of the earth, the air and the portending of extinction of numerous creatures of the earth by the continued failure of humans to reduce significant environmental contaminants which create and contribute to global warming, engaged in the Paris Climate Change Agreement and,

WHEREAS, the current administration of the United States refuses to acknowledge global warming and the critical need for environmental protections contained within domestic environmental protection laws and regulations as well as the Paris Climate Change Agreement and,

WHEREAS, the widespread and large scale exploitation of natural resources disproportionately and directly effects the lands, waters, and the air and the quality of the lands, waters, and air adjacent to Native Nations and minority communities without their consent and,

WHEREAS, Native Nations gathered from disparate locations within the world at the Sacred Stone Camp to protect the waters of this earth from contamination and,

WHEREAS, the current administration of the United States refused to respect the voices of the Sacred Stone Camp, and by doing so failed to adhere to existing Treaties, International Conventions, laws and regulations,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, the Arizona League of United Latin American Citizens, (LULAC), has adopted a Resolution recognizing the International Convention on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, recognizing the International Convention on the Environment & Paris Climate Change Agreement, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that National LULAC requests that the United States of America commit to the protection and preservation of the unique Nations of Indigenous Peoples who remain on their reserved lands within United States, recommit to the safety, protection and preservation of the rights of Native American children, as well as other children, and commit to the preservation and protection of the fragile ecosystems within which humanity exists in order to sustain future generations of life, and this Resolution is approved today, June 24, 2017, at Arizona LULAC Assembly and Convention in Phoenix, AZ.

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



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