



## *League of United Latin American Citizens*

### **RESOLUTION TO REQUEST FOR THE TRANSFER OF OPERATIONS OF THE PUERTO RICO AIR NATIONAL GUARD**

**WHEREAS**, Public Law 114-187 (2016), known as the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management and Economic Stability Act (PROMESA), establishes, among other things, a procedure by which certain Projects aimed at addressing the fiscal emergency and existing infrastructure in Puerto Rico.

**WHEREAS**, It has been almost 15 years since the closure of the Roosevelt Roads Naval Base in Ceiba. Despite the enormous potential of these lands for the redevelopment and economic revitalization of the region, as well as for Puerto Rico, these facilities are abandoned and deteriorated.

**WHEREAS**, The Congressional Task Force on Economic Growth (Task Force), authorized by PROMESA, in its report of December 20, 2016 to the United States Congress, expressed concern about the slow pace of the effort to redevelop Roosevelt Roads for the benefit of People of Puerto Rico and their conviction that a well-planned and well-executed redevelopment strategy has the potential to transform the eastern area of Puerto Rico.

**WHEREAS**, The Congressional Task Force recommends that the Government of Puerto Rico work jointly with the Rehabilitation Coordinator established by PROMESA, the elected leaders of the surrounding communities, the federal government agencies with jurisdiction over the matter and the sector Private, to establish as a priority, the efficient and effective redevelopment of Roosevelt Roads.

**WHEREAS**, The immediate creation of more favorable conditions on the east coast of Puerto Rico that promote and make more attractive the private investment, will promote the economic reactivation of the area, as well as expand the uses that could be given to the diverse areas that are part or are adjacent to the former naval base.

**WHEREAS**, The transfer of operations of the Puerto Rico Air National Guard, currently located at Luís Muñoz Marín International Airport in Carolina, Puerto Rico, to the airport of the former Roosevelt Roads Naval Base would create conditions for its redevelopment. This would be of great benefit to all Puerto Rico, since it would allow the immediate establishment of a focus of economic activity in the area, derived from the operations of the Puerto Rico Air National Guard at the former Naval Base.

**WHEREAS**, During the past decade the National Guard has undergone a remarkable transformation from a strategic reserve of limited use to an operational reserve that has to be available and prepared to support, at all times, the military operations of the Armed Forces of our Nation. Currently, the facilities located at Muñoz Air Base at the LMM airport do not allow the Puerto Rico Air National Guard to expand its operations and much less adapt to its changing role and future missions in the defense of the Nation. The facilities of the former Roosevelt Roads Naval Base would provide the optimal, functional,

operational, necessary additional space for the strengthening and growth of the Puerto Rico Air National Guard.

**WHEREAS,** The proposed transfer of the Puerto Rico Air National Guard would stimulate economic activity in the Roosevelt Roads area, place the Puerto Rico National Guard in a position to strength and diversify its operational capacity, it will give permanence, and continuity to its operations on the island and at the national level, would create the necessary conditions to stop the deterioration of Roosevelt Roads facilities, open new avenues to promote the economic development of the east coast of Puerto Rico and create, almost immediately the economic conditions necessary to stimulate private investment.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** That LULAC requests the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States of America, as well as the Government of Puerto Rico, to carry out such executive, administrative and legislative actions as may be necessary, including the allocation of funds, for the immediate transfer of operations of the Puerto Rico Air National Guard from its location At Muñiz Air Base at Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport, to the airport of the former Roosevelt Roads Naval Base in Ceiba.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Roger C. Rocha Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Roger C. Rocha, Jr.  
LULAC National President