

League of United Latin American Citizens

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AFRICAN MEXICAN POPULATION

WHEREAS, LULAC was organized in 1929 in Corpus Christi, Texas. It is the oldest and largest Latino Civil rights organization in North America and is committed to the civil rights, education, dignity, respect and the well-being of the people it serves.

WHEREAS, the African Mexican population, some whose ancestries' date back to slave ships from Africa that wrecked upon the shores of Western Mexico centuries ago. Others by diverse means of immigration.

WHEREAS, Mexico has many diverse populations with ancestries from many parts of the world along with an indigenous population.

WHEREAS, the Afro -Mexican population even though it has been there for centuries contributed to the economy that culture and traditions of their region. They have never been officially recognized. One notable, is the famous actress Lupita Nyongo whom won the Oscar Award.

WHEREAS, they are requesting assistance from those that might be willing to stand up for their cause as a matter of dignity and respect to their ancestry.

WHEREAS, those of LULAC Council 1088 Arizona and LULAC Raul H Castro LULAC District IV have been made aware of this unfortunate situation and made a visit to talk to leaders among the Afro Mexican community in Oaxaca and Guerrero.

WHEREAS, they have contributed so much to their nation which they love. We respect Mexico's sovereignty and are friends of both parties.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we strongly support the Afro Mexican citizens quest to be recognized to put them in their proper place in Mexican history as it should be. We trust that by establishing dialogue this long standing issue will be resolved. Finally it should be noted that many LULAC members are also dual nationals and do have strong feelings and sensitivities towards inclusion in both countries of all its nationalities.

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