



League of United Latin American Citizens

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT NORMALIZATION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBA

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 24, 1929; and

WHEREAS, LULAC advocates for the well-being of, but not exclusively of, Latinos throughout our country and the world; and

WHEREAS, our U.S. government has a long history of interacting with countries that practice some form of totalitarianism when it benefits us politically or monetarily. This collaboration is usually beneficial for all countries involved, such as our relationships with China, Vietnam and Russia; and

WHEREAS, the United States imposed a trade embargo against Cuba, which for decades has only served to impoverish the people; and

WHEREAS, former President Barack Obama was successful at making some positive gains in normalizing the U.S. -Cuban relations; and

WHEREAS, a poll by the Atlantic Council, a non-partisan think tank revealed that a solid majority of Americans favor normalizing relations with Cuba at this time; and

WHEREAS, Cuba has much to offer the rest of the world such as advancements in public medicine and medical schooling programs that have enabled them to care for their population even in difficult times;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that LULAC endorses and supports what President Barack Obama initiated, the normalization of diplomatic relations with the Cuban government which would serve to greatly improve the living conditions of the Cuban people.

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