



## *League of United Latin American Citizens*

### **RESOLUTION HONORING CRECENCIO CRUZ PADILLA**

**WHEREAS**, LULAC is our Nation's oldest, largest, and most respected Hispano/Latino civil rights organization, established in 1929. Our mission is to seek the advancement of Hispanic Americans in the areas of education, employment, and civil rights; and

**WHEREAS**, The North Monterey County (NMC) League of United Latin American Citizens. Council No. 2907 is the official governing body for LULAC in North Monterey County; and

**WHEREAS**, NMC LULAC recognizes the leadership and civil rights advocacy by Crecencio Padilla that helped provide a voice, justice, and hope to disenfranchised communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Crecencio Padilla was employed (1974-1997) twenty- three years at the Monterey County Public Defender's Office as an investigator where he worked tirelessly to ensure fairness and justice for low income people; and

**WHEREAS**, Crecencio Padilla supported the United Farm Workers in their fight for unionization with Cesar Chavez; and

**WHEREAS**, Crecencio Padilla fought against police brutality and abuse, and advocated for the establishment of a Salinas Police Review Board in solidarity with the NAACP and other civil rights organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, Crecencio Padilla was presented with the statue of "Lady of Justice" in honor of his dedication to the protection of civil rights for minority and poor communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Crecencio Padilla made his family and faith a priority with his wife of 60 years, Mercedes Padilla, and their four children: Maryellen, Manuel, Rey, and Martha; and

**WHEREAS**, Crecencio Padilla's legacy will love on through not only his community work, but through his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

***BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED*** that the NMC League of United Latin American Citizens, LULAC Council No. 2907 and all its members thereof, hereby acknowledge Crecencio Padilla's legacy of advocacy and contributions that have improved the lives of families and children in our community.

Voted & approved by the National Assembly of the 2018 LULAC National Convention on July 21, 2018.

Domingo Garcia  
LULAC National President