



League of United Latin American Citizens

RESOLUTION TO DEFEND THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF AMERICAN-BORN CHILDREN OF IMMIGRANT WORKERS

WHEREAS, LULAC is our Nation's oldest, largest, and most respected Hispanic/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, an increasing number of U.S.-born children of immigrant workers find themselves in Mexico because their parents were deported due to President Trump's strict immigration policy as a cornerstone of his agenda; and

WHEREAS, researchers and authorities estimate that between half a million and 800,000 U.S.-born children now live in Mexico with their deported parents; and

WHEREAS, in Mexico, children with U.S. citizenship face an education system that is not fully prepared for the influx of students, especially students who do not speak Spanish; and

WHEREAS, although Mexican nationals are guaranteed schooling, enrolling U.S.-born children who recently moved from the United States can be a lengthy, months-long process

WHEREAS, Mexican schools issue certificates for completing elementary and middle school, and without an American equivalent, it is very difficult for U.S.-born students to be accepted; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. born students in Mexico can sometimes understand and speak Spanish, many of them start school in Mexico without knowing how to read or write Spanish; and

WHEREAS, U.S.-born children of deported immigrant workers who choose to stay in the U.S. without their parents are more likely to suffer from early-onset mental illness and behavioral problems; and

WHEREAS, U.S.-born children of immigrant workers both in the U.S. or in Mexico without their parents are likely to drop out of school altogether; and

WHEREAS, the U.S.-born children of immigrant workers have a right to live and to be educated in the country of their birth; and

WHEREAS, the U.S.-born children of immigrant workers have a right to live with their family in the country of their birth; and

WHEREAS, U.S.-born children of immigrant workers have a right to participate in the political process of the country of their birth; and

WHEREAS, the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution states that all persons born or naturalized in the U.S. and subject to the jurisdiction thereof are citizens of the U.S. and of the State wherein they reside; and

WHEREAS, the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution states that no State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the U.S., nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor deny any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that LULAC's National Board, on behalf of its members, urge Members of Congress to:

- Defend the Constitutional rights of U.S.-born children of immigrant workers
- Ensure that the U.S.-born children can live and be educated in the country of their birth alongside their families
- Stop the de facto and unconstitutional deportation of U.S.-born children immigrant workers
- Provide the U.S.-born children of immigrant workers participation in the political process of the country of their birth

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