



League of United Latin American Citizens

RESOLUTION TO PROTECT IMMIGRANT RIGHTS

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, LULAC supports the human rights of women, men, and children regardless of their immigration status; and

WHEREAS, LULAC rejects the xenophobic fearmongering used to justify the denial of basic human services, such as education, health care, mass incarceration, deportation of undocumented immigrants, tearing families apart, and the denial of due process to thousands; and

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration's "Muslim Ban" is a blatant attack on religious freedom and an attempt to perpetuate dangerous and false narratives regarding Muslims and international terrorism – propaganda that the National Organization for Women has worked to counter since 2001; and

WHEREAS, women and girls make up 51 percent of undocumented immigrants and the Women's Refugee Commission has confirmed that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is conducting raids targeting parents and other sponsors of unaccompanied migrant children; and

WHEREAS, immigrant women's access to employment-based visas is disproportionate because the U.S. immigration system prioritizes STEM professions where women are grossly underrepresented; and

WHEREAS, LULAC supports the human rights of women, men, and children regardless of their immigration status; and

WHEREAS, over eleven million undocumented immigrants are vulnerable to human trafficking and abuse from lack of labor standards enforcement. The restaurant industry alone employs over 1.1 million undocumented immigrants, and 52 percent of all restaurant workers are women; and

WHEREAS, LULAC continues to build upon its strong history advocating for the rights of immigrant women including the founding of the National Coalition for Immigrant Women's Rights in 2013, participation in nationwide demonstrations that demand comprehensive immigration reform, and support of Senator Mazie Hirono's 2013 amendment to Bill S.744 that provided equitable scale for work visas that focus on industries dominated by women; and

WHEREAS, in the proud tradition of the 1980's U.S. Sanctuary Movement to protect and support Central American Refugees fleeing violence, a new sanctuary movement is arising in the form of sanctuary cities, counties, states, and school districts where local agencies follow all legal requirements,

but exercise their sovereign jurisdictional authority to refuse to interrogate people about their immigration status on behalf of ICE; and

WHEREAS, this new movement includes sanctuary restaurants and sanctuary homes in which employers of restaurant workers and domestic workers comply with all laws, but also respect their immigrant workers' dignity, human rights, and constitutional rights; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that LULAC will launch a campaign to protect immigrant rights that focuses on the unique abuses that immigrant women now face as a direct result of the Trump Administration's actions, such as the "Muslim Ban," the incarceration of undocumented immigrant families in detention center, and a decrease in reports of domestic and sexual assaults on undocumented women for fear of deportation; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that this campaign will encourage its activists and leaders to mobilize around the sanctuary movement including sanctuary or welcoming restaurants, homes, school districts, cities, counties, and states through partnerships with allied organizations, like Restaurant Opportunities Center, United and Hand in Hand, and the Domestic Employers Network Sanctuary Homes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this campaign will raise awareness on the variety of resources available to legal and undocumented immigrants, including but not limited to: The ACLU's "Know Your Rights" initiative, the Immigrant Defense Project's ICE Raid toolkit, United We Dream's Deportation Defense Cards, and other tools that help protect immigrants and immigrant communities.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the 2018 National LULAC Legislative Platform will include Protect Immigrant's Initiative. This LULAC Resolution respectfully submitted by Reverend John Mireles, President, LULAC Council #1111, to the AZ LULAC State Convention on June 9, 2018 in Phoenix, Arizona. The Arizona LULAC Assembly passed this resolution unanimously on July 9, 2018 in Phoenix, Arizona, 85021.

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LULAC National President