



League of United Latin American Citizens

CALIFORNIA STATE LULAC RESOLUTION REFERENCE: NAMING STATE BUILDING AFTER MARIO OBLEDO

WHEREAS, as the Secretary of California Health and Welfare Agency for the 8 years beginning 1974 through 1982, Dr. Mario G. Obledo was instrumental in bringing thousands of Hispanics and other minorities into state government, which he declared was “my greatest accomplishment in life,” and

WHEREAS, with quiet dignity and uncommon wisdom he eliminated discriminatory barriers to employment and opened doors to state employment to all Californians thereby assuring a stronger and more perfect union, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Obledo was a co-founder and Directing Attorney for many years of the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF), a prominent civil rights organization which has successfully litigated numerous court cases resulting in the elimination and/or reduction of discrimination in hiring, and enhancement of educational opportunities as well as the enjoyment of public services throughout the Southwest United States and throughout the entire country, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Obledo was the co-founder of the Texas Rural Legal Assistance (TRLA), which is patterned after the California Rural Legal Assistance, and has continuously represented low-income persons in civil legal matters from its inception in 1969 through the present, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Obledo co-founded the Southwest Voter Registration Project which has helped thousands of Hispanic voters register and vote in elections, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Obledo was President of the Mario G. Obledo National Coalition of Hispanic Organization until his death on August 18, 2010, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Obledo received the Presidential Medal of Freedom Award in 1998, and

WHEREAS, in his capacity as National President of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Dr. Mario Obledo extended the influence of LULAC into the international arena and was the recipient of the OHTLI award, the highest award bestowed by Mexico on a person outside of Mexico,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that LULAC supports the renaming of the California Health Buildings (now called the East End Complex-Block 171) located at the 1501 Capitoal Avenue after Dr. Mario G. Obledo and will so notify the Governor and the California Legislature.

Let it be further resolved that LULAC supports the establishment of a Museum honoring Dr. Mario Obledo in the lobby area of this building, to exhibit pictures and documents of Dr. Mario Obledo's historical works. This Museum shall be available for exhibits to the public and all students.

Submitted by: Carolina E. Flores, President, Lorenzo Patiño LULAC 2862, Sacramento, California

Approved by the membership of the Lorenzo Patiño Council #2862 on May 6, 2019

Voted & approved by the National Assembly of the 2019 LULAC National Convention on July 13, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Domingo Garcia". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D".

Domingo Garcia
LULAC National President