

## League of United Latin American Citizens

## RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE LIVING LEGACY OF REV. DEACON SALVADOR E. ALVAREZ, M.S.W.

**WHEREAS,** the late Rev. Deacon Sal Alvarez, M.S.W. (1940-2015) served as Chair of the National LULAC Health Commission and as California State Chaplain and Legislative Liaison with distinction and tremendous efficacy in *la lucha for nuestra familias*;

**WHEREAS,** in October 2015, at its national convention, the Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR) posthumously awarded its Annual Peacemaker Award to Deacon Sal Alvarez in recognition of his role in global peace delegations to nearly 20 nations around the world and his significant contributions to the field and practice of conflict resolution, including the advancement of Latinos in organizations such as ACR and capacity building in the practice of conflict resolution among our Latino communities by grassroots trainings through the Institute for Nonviolence, founded by Deacon Sal Alvarez and the late Jim McEntee;

WHEREAS, in 2016, Stanford University Library Special Collections initiated preservation of the Rev. Deacon Salvador E. Alvarez, M.SAV. Special Collection, composed of substantial primary source documents relating to passage of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, the Affordable Care Act, early practice and scholarship on Bilingual Education, and the founding of the San Jose State College Graduate School of Social Work that focused on a Community Organizing model of social service, among many other historic civil rights initiatives;

WHEREAS, in 2017, Deacon Sal's tireless travel and contributions to the National Park Service (NPS) Cesar Chavez Resource Study, which had been possible through legislation he encouraged then Congresswoman Hilda Solis to co-author with the late John McCain, resulted in the designation of McDonnell Hall (Guadalupe Mission Chapel) as a National Historic Landmark (NHL) by President Barack Obama, contributing significantly as an NPS Case Study advancing just systems change to the historic exclusion of diverse communities from our nation's NHL program

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, the César E. Chavez Foundation and California Catholic Conference of Bishops reaffirmed their respective commitment, instituting annual memorial masses and initiating a clergy chaplaincy, to maintain the bond of the Catholic Church to ministry and accompaniment of campesinos, which had been nurtured for many decades through Deacon Sal Alvarez, as an instrument of God;

**WHEREAS,** in 2019, Rev Deacon Sal Alvarez will be inducted into the California Social Work Hall of Distinction for his outstanding contributions to the field of Social Work and his exceptional impact on our society and the profession;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that California and National LULAC shall continue to memorialize, honor and advance the continued living legacy and fruit bearing good works of the beloved, belated Rev Deacon Sal Alvarez, M.S.W. (1940-2015).

SUBMITTED by LULAC District 14, Founded by Rev. Deacon Sal Alvarez, M.S.W. Sylvia Alvarez, J.D., President, Council #3262 Meadowfair Serena Alvarez, J.D., President, Council #3090 Santa Clara Michello Osorio, M.P.A, Council #3270 Silicon Valley Professionals and California Vice-President on Women

## IN MEMORY OF REV. DEACON SAL ALVAREZ, M.S.W. (1940 - 2015)

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

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