



League of United Latin American Citizens

PETITION ADDRESSED TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO CERTIFY WITH A JOINT RESOLUTION PUERTO RICO AS A STATE OF THE UNITED STATES

WHEREAS, Puerto Rico became a United States of America territory in 1898 by the Treaty of Paris, which provided that: the civil rights and political status of the native inhabitants of the territories hereby ceded to the United States shall be determined by Congress." Immediately the native inhabitants became Nationals under the Custody and "Parens Patriae" of the United States of America.

WHEREAS, In 1917, the residents of Puerto Rico were granted United States American citizenship, by their own free and voluntary election, and after 1941 by birth, as disposed by Congress, enacting laws to such effect. To this date, three point four millions United States American Citizens reside in Puerto Rico and four millions have moved their residence to the mainland, were they have worked and are still working in building our Nation.

WHEREAS, Since 1917, the United States American Citizens of Puerto Rico have demonstrated their value to the United States of America and to democracy by serving with dedication and honor in all armed conflicts in the Armed Forces of our Country, without the right to vote for their Commander in Chief, including many of them by dying in these conflicts.

WHEREAS, In 1952, the United States American Citizens of Puerto Rico constituted themselves into a Republican form of government in compliance with Article IV, Section 4, Constitution of the United States of America, similarly as the process used for former territories to become states of the Nation. In the Constitution of 1952, the citizens by direct vote swore their loyalty to their United States American citizenship, to the Constitution the United States of America and accepted to be under the Supremacy Clause of the Constitution, with reference to the National Government as are states under federalism.

WHEREAS, The United States American Citizens of Puerto Rico are subject to the jurisdiction of all three Branches of the Government of the United States of America. The Puerto Rico Federal Courts are Article III of the U.S. Constitution.

WHEREAS, All income from sources outside of Puerto Rico is subject to federal taxation, and the United States American Citizens residing in Puerto Rico contribute billions of dollars to the Federal Treasury paying more in federal taxes than residents of various regions in the fifty states without representation.

WHEREAS, In the quadrennial elections, held since 1964, ninety five percent (95%) or more of the voters have chosen permanent union with the United States of America. The independence has been rejected by the voters to such an extent that the Independence Party has been politically disqualified in quadrennial election.

WHEREAS, Two of the local political parties, supported by more than ninety six percent (96%) of the total voters, participate in National Politics as members of the Republican and Democratic Parties.

WHEREAS, The Government of the United States of America has been actively promoting democracy, universal suffrage, and human rights all over the world. (Presently very actively un Venezuela).

WHEREAS, The U.S. Constitution has been judicially applied to the American Citizens of Puerto Rico as if it were a state, but the non-incorporation status is being used by the Federal Courts and by Congress to switch "on and off" its applicability discriminatorily, costing more than five billion dollars annually in federal transfers.

WHEREAS, The First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States guarantees the right of the American Citizens to "...petition the Government for a redress of grievances ..." in order to ensure liberty, general welfare, and to protect their rights and privileges as American Citizens.

It is the duty of Congress to protect the constitutional rights of all American citizens. **THEREFORE,** Congress should incorporate Puerto Rico as a State the United States under domestic and international law supports this Petition to certify it as a State of the United States.

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



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