



League of United Latin American Citizens

2019 RESOLUTION TO ADVANCE SEXUAL HEALTH & RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION

WHEREAS, absence of sexual health & relationships education results in higher prevalence of unplanned pregnancies, STIs and sexual assault. This results in increased tax dollars being spent on treatment & welfare services;

WHEREAS, STIs are endemic in the US. Over 1.1 million Americans are living with HIV and Latinxs account for 22% of those living with HIV. Nearly 2.3 million cases of chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis were diagnosed in the U.S. in 2017;

WHEREAS, 45% of the 6.1 million pregnancies in the U.S. each year are unplanned and close to 750,000 teens become pregnant each year. An estimated \$21 billion in total public expenditures was spent on unplanned pregnancies nationwide in 2010;

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men experienced some form of contact sexual violence in their lifetime;

WHEREAS, comprehensive and medically accurate sexual health & relationships education has been proven to lower incidence of unplanned pregnancies, HIV prevalence, incidence of STIs as well as sexual assault and rape;

WHEREAS, 37 states do not require sex education in public schools to be medically accurate. 26 states do not mandate sex education and 28 states do not mandate HIV education;

WHEREAS, as of 2015 fewer than 6% of LGBTQ+ students aged 12-21 said that their health classes included positive representations of LGBTQ+ related topics.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that LULAC believes that:

1. Comprehensive, medically accurate, age-appropriate, inclusive and mandatory sexual health & relationships education is the most efficacious and cost-effective method of STI, unplanned pregnancy and sexual assault prevention;
2. Sexual health and relationships education should include contraception, partner selection, reproductive health outcomes, consent, and sexual harassment & assault prevention;
3. Sexual health & relationships education must include positive representation in LGBTQ+ related topics as well as inclusive education on gender identity and sexual orientation;

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that LULAC supports:

1. The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services goal to end the HIV epidemic by 2030.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that LULAC will work with its allies and sex education advocacy groups to promote:

1. The reintroduction and passing of the Real Education for Healthy Youth Act to change the Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Program so that it provides funding to evidence-based, comprehensive and medically accurate sexual health & relationships education programs;
2. The passing of state and federal legislation so that sexual health & relationships education is comprehensive;
3. The continued education of the public on the importance of sexual health & relationships education.

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