

## League of United Latin American Citizens RESOLUTION - IMMIGRATION

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress has the power to establish a uniform rule of naturalization, provided by the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, ratified July 9,1868 granted citizenship to all persons born or naturalized in the U.S.

**WHEREAS**, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) the Nation's oldest, largest and most respected Latino civil rights organization, accept that it is not only the privilege but the obligation of every member of this organization to uphold and defend rights and duties vested in every American Citizen by the letter and spirit of the Law of the Land, and

WHEREAS, immigration plays a role in America that is a comparative advantage for the United States in the economy, labor market, demographic impacts of immigration, and national security, but has been slow to reform the Immigration system and failing to meet present needs, especially notable in the U.S. labor force, and

**WHEREAS**, the goals of the immigration system is to ensure policies, regulations, strategies, processes, and communications that support a strong immigration system with integrity that promotes diverse integration, inclusion and citizenship, reunification of families, protecting refugees, and admitting immigrants with skills valuable to the U.S. economy, and

WHEREAS, available evidence has shown some of the effects of immigration has brought to our nation, more innovation, a better workforce, more specialization in various occupations, job skills better matched that are attributed to bringing higher overall economic productivity, and with the diversity brought by immigration it has contributed to the American culture in areas of cuisine, language, the arts, and many other influences, and

WHEREAS, for the benefit of our nation, Congressional representatives must act to reform and take a more modern approach to our Immigration system and to become more responsive to the present needs of our country wherein the our aging population and fertility decreases have resulted in labor shortages, Congress needs to respond to the demographic changes and the challenge for new workers needed to fill the lack of workers such as professors, economists,

doctors, nurses, as well as workers in the large array of public service including agriculture workers, and

WHEREAS, Immigration reform could rectify and in particular legalize undocumented immigrants with a path to citizenship including, and among others, those who came to this country, lived, worked for decades. served in the military, their children born here, paid U.S. taxes, with no criminal convictions, and also rectify those many young undocumented immigrants brought to U.S., through no fault of their own, and who are the most qualified workers and productive residents, and

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that LULAC calls upon our Congressional representatives to act with sincere dedication in making meaningful reforms to the Immigration system that are fair and just, such as those stated above, and improve the quality of life in our nation.

Voted & approved by the National Assembly of the 2023 LULAC National Convention on August 5, 2023.

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