



League of United Latin American Citizens

RESOLUTION FOR LULAC FLORIDA TO OPPOSE BANNING OF BOOKS IN FLORIDA SCHOOLS UNDER HOUSE BILL 1467

WHEREAS, the mission of the League of United Latina American Citizens (LULAC) is to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, housing, health and civil rights of the Hispanic population of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Education and the State of Florida are responsible for the education, wellbeing, and protection of our state's children under the US Constitution and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; and

WHEREAS, Florida House Bill 1467, requires all books available to students in Florida public schools, including those within course curriculum, recommended or assigned reading lists, classroom libraries, and school libraries, be reviewed by a district employee holding a valid educational media specialist certificate to ensure that they are free of so-called 'pornography' or 'race-based' teachings; and

WHEREAS, books written by Latinx authors, including Elizabeth Acevedo's *The Poet X*, Matt de la Peña's *Mexican Whiteboy*, Alex Sanchez's *Bait*, and Adam Silvera's *More Happy Than Not*, have been banned in Florida schools under HB 1467; and

WHEREAS, books widely considered classic works of American literature, including Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye* and Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World*, have been banned in Florida schools under HB 1467; and

WHEREAS, thousands of children are being denied the right to read and learn from these books, which hold significant educational and cultural value, which could assist children in understanding the world in which we live, and which were once deemed appropriate offerings by Florida certified educational media specialist; and

WHEREAS, individual parents and families have the right and responsibility to decide what literature their child consumes, which can be regulated through the "opt out" process, which allows parents to opt their child out of consuming any literature a parent deems inappropriate for their child;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that LULAC Florida expose, denounce and challenge Florida's House Bill 1467.

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LULAC National President