

League of United Latin American Citizens

RESOLUTION TO EXPOSE, DENOUNCE AND CHALLENGE REPRESSIVE AND DISCRIMINATORY MEASURES TO RESTRICT FREE SPEECH AND DISSENT IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, LULAC's mission is to improve opportunities for Hispanics to achieve the American Dream and to protect their human and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, We the People believe in the principles of Democracy and that the government and institutions are to be responsive to the needs of We the People; and

WHEREAS, Florida, and a few other states, have attempted to undermine existing laws, disregard historical facts and eliminate remedies to past and present discrimination; and

WHEREAS, peaceful protesting is being discouraged and threatened by the force of the law thus restricting citizen's freedom of speech, right to dissent and debate; and

WHEREAS, Florida's government calls "indoctrination" the open discussion of research, facts and documented history of discrimination of this country; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Governor signed into law measures that dictate what students can learn and what teachers can teach by means of banning books and altering historical documents; and

WHEREAS, Florida's defunding of diversity initiatives (DEI programs) will eliminate opportunities for marginalized and historically discriminated minorities to improve their lives; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis has labeled "WOKE" the expressions of dissent with social and political issues of inequality; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis has expressed that Florida is where the "WOKE" culture will die;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that LULAC National expose, denounce and legally challenge Florida's antidemocratic, repressive and discriminatory laws against free speech, individual liberties, and diversity initiatives that provide opportunities to Hispanics and historically marginalized citizens of this country.

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