

## League of United Latin American Citizens

## **Resolution to support for empowering latino youth**

WHEREAS, Latinos' average family income was significantly lower than most racial/ethnic groups;

WHEREAS, Latinos were much more likely to be first-generation college students;

**WHEREAS**, most Latino students worked more than 30 hours a week, in some cases overtime, to finance their education.

WHEREAS, Latinos are less likely to be employed in the highest paying occupations than other groups;

WHEREAS, Latinos are significantly overrepresented in lower-paying service occupations;

**WHEREAS**, Latino students are more likely to default on their loans to pay for college compared to their White peers;

**WHEREAS**, Research shows that completion of a four-year degree typically boosts income and wealth far above the levels they would have achieved without a degree; and

**WHEREAS,** in the United States, 22% of the Latino adults (25 and older) had earned an associate's degree or higher, compared to 39% of all adults. WHEREAS, Research shows mentoring increases Latino college completion.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that League of United Latin American Citizens Council's Partner with local organizations to increase paid internship opportunities for Latinos; Encourage California Councils to apply for existing Grants targeting "at risk" and Latino high school students Set council goals that encourage members to share educational and financial lessons with local Latino students; and Collaborate with Hispanic Serving Institutions to mentor Latino students.

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