



## **League of United Latin American Citizens**

### **RESOLUTION FOR LULAC FLORIDA TO SUPPORT RESIDENTIAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS FACING DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE FOR NON-PAYMENT DURING EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the League of United Latin 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**, residential utility customers can face disconnection of service for non-payment during extreme weather events; and

**WHEREAS**, such utility disconnections can lead to drastic health-related consequences such as increased risk of hospitalization, can exacerbate cardiovascular disease and respiratory illnesses, can affect medications which require refrigeration, and can affect the powering of needed medical equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, avoiding utility disconnection for non-payment during such extreme weather events can provide economic savings and decrease violent crimes; and

**WHEREAS**, a utility energy burden weighs particularly heavy on those persons who spend more than 6% of their annual income on energy bills;<sup>1</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, residential utility customers suffer financial challenges during times when more intense extreme weather patterns lead to corporate-initiated campaigns to obtain increases in residential utility energy rates; and

**WHEREAS**, this protection from utility service disconnection for non-payment during extreme weather events is projected to be most effective when the weather forecast predicts that the “heat index” (calculated using both the outside temperature and the humidity) is to be above 90 degrees Fahrenheit or higher and/or when it is forecast to be below 32 degrees F;<sup>2</sup>

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that LULAC supports residential utility customers facing disconnection for non-payment during extreme weather events.

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