Health



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Where as the League of United Latin American Citizens advocates for the well being of all Latinos and

Where as the overall health of our country has improved on a steady pace, yet not all Americans have kept up with such pace and

Where as there exists disparities in health and health care which affects minorities to include Latinos and

Where as numerous studies confirm the existence of said disparities and point to the fact that Latinos are less likely to receive proper and timely treatment resulting in negative outcomes and higher mortality rates than their white counterparts and

Where as diseases such as diabetes, heart disease and some cancers are more prevalent within the Latino communities creating serious reasons for concern due to the fact that said problems often are diagnosed less and

Where as pharmacogenetic research has uncovered differences in the metabolism, clinical effectiveness, and side effect profiles of many clinically important drugs among minority groups, yet the United States government is adamant in providing a one size fits all when it comes to prescription drugs and

Where as there is a dire need for stepped up education, public awareness and an overall effort to bring about the solutions needed to save and improve the lives of Latinos and

Where as ignoring minority health can only lead to an ill prepared future for Latinos who form a major part of the emerging majority and therefore be it

Resolved that LULAC will work with any responsible entities and individuals that are seriously committing themselves to working towards the elimination of said health disparities. The efforts required include the expanding of excess to affordable quality health care, better interaction between patients and their health care providers, getting patients to take a more active role in their health, prevention and disease management, enhanced data collection and medical research, and therefore let it be

Further Resolved that LULAC Concilio Zapatista 4383 District XV hereby pledges to take an active role in working with responsible parties in an effort to end health

disparities. Said work will include but not be limited to conducting appropriate community surveys, medical research, continuing education and hands on work such as forums and health fairs.

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