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RESOLUTION**

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Chronic Kidney Disease and End State Renal Disease Resolution

Recognizing the disproportionate number of Hispanic Americans who suffer from kidney disease and conditions that can lead to kidney disease; and calling for coordinated action to expand access to education and prevention services as well as dialysis and transplant services.

WHEREAS, approximately 330,000 Americans suffer from kidney failure (End-Stage Renal Disease) and rely on dialysis services to live; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 7 of all ESRD patients are Hispanic; and

WHEREAS, 44 percent of ESRD patients suffer from diabetes, and 27 percent suffer from high blood pressure; and

WHEREAS, among all diabetes patients, Hispanic Americans are 4 to 6 times more likely to develop kidney disease than non-Hispanics; and

WHEREAS, there are over 69,000 patients waiting for kidney transplants in the United States; and

WHEREAS, because kidney transplantation is severely limited due to a shortage of suitable donors, organ transplant rejection, and the age and health of many ESRD patients, most patients depend on dialysis for the remainder of their lives; and

WHEREAS, early intervention strategies can successfully delay or prevent kidney failure for those with kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, insufficient coordination exists between federal and state governments, health care professionals, educators, and patient advocates to develop programs to identify members of high risk populations and implement programs to improve the management of kidney disease and slow the progression to kidney failure; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE LULAC NATIONAL BOARD CREATE/ESTABLISH REPRESENTATIVES IN EACH STATE TO WORK WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS TO ENSURE ALL AT-RISK INDIVIDUALS ARE INFORMED OF THE RISK FACTORS FOR KIDNEY DISEASE, HAVE ACCESS TO SERVICES THAT CAN PREVENT THE PROGRESSION OF KIDNEY DISEASE, AND FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO SUFFER PROGRESS TO END-STAGE RENAL DISEASE, HAVE ACCESS TO QUALITY, FACILITY-BASED DIALYSIS SERVICES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

Approved & Submitted by
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