



## LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS

### RESOLUTION

*In Support of Enforcing the PIT Rule by protecting our NM Environment*

*Introduced by: Mr. Froy Salinas, NM LULAC Environmental Chair*

*Sponsored by: Virginia Garcia, District II Director and  
Roswell LULAC Council 8051*

**WHEREAS**, the League of United Latin American Citizens is the nation's oldest and largest Latino membership organization and since its inception has fostered higher education and the advancement of all Hispanics at all levels and facets of our American society; and

**WHEREAS**, LULAC believes New Mexico took great steps toward the protection of its citizens, water, and land resources when the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) passed the Pit Rules in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, LULAC knows that oil & gas operators before the Pit Rule passed dumped waste directly on the ground in makeshift pits leaving toxic pollutants to seep into our irreplaceable water supply. In 2008 more than 400 self reported cases of water contamination were caused by these pits; and

**WHEREAS**, LULAC believes a good process was used by OCD to come up with the adopted Pit Rule after several months of input from the citizens. OCD held 19 days of hearings with industry experts, community members, environmental advocates, and stakeholder companies. The resulting rule addressed the concerns of all these groups; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New Mexico LULAC urge all New Mexico state officials elected or appointed to protect all the citizens of New Mexico by maintaining a strong Pit Rule, and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to all persons having the authority to keep or modify the Pit Rule.

This is executed, on this 1st day of May 2011, at the 82nd Annual State LULAC Convention in Taos, NM.

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NM State Director

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NM State Secretary