



RESOLUTION # TR-2020-01

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION FOR PUERTO RICO STATEHOOD

Whereas, the People of Puerto Rico held a plebiscite on November 3, 2020, in which this question was presented to them: "Should Puerto Rico be admitted immediately into the Union as a State?"; and

Whereas, 96.8 percent of those who participated in the 2020 General Election also participated in the plebiscite, and

Whereas, of those who participated in the plebiscite, 52.34 percent voted "Yes" in favor of Congress beginning the statehood process for Puerto Rico; and

Whereas, the "Yes" column received 623,053 votes more votes than any political candidate present on the ballot in the 2020 General Election; and

Whereas, support for statehood as the final status option has incrementally gained support throughout all six plebiscites that have been conducted (1967, 1993, 1998, 2012, 2017, 2020); and

Whereas, both the Democratic and Republican parties' platforms are committed to respecting Puerto Rico's right to self-determination; and

Whereas, the ultimate decision regarding Puerto Rico's future political status rests in the hands of Congress; and

Whereas, in 1992 CSG/ERC supported a resolution asking Congress for a prompt response to the formal petition mandated by the people of Puerto Rico that would be issued as a result of the 1993 plebiscite;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Council of State Governments' Eastern Regional Conference (CSG/ERC) supports the results of the 2020 plebiscite which clearly show the will of the People of Puerto Rico; and

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Sen. Sharon Carson, NH, Co-Chair
Rep. Lucy Weber, NH, Co-Chair

Hon. Ted Arnott, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Ontario
MPP Gila Martow, Ontario

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Be It Further Resolved, that CSG/ERC also supports a prompt response by the United States Congress to the formal petition for statehood that was supported by the majority of Puerto Rican voters in the 2020 plebiscite; and

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution will be provided to the Governor-Elect of Puerto Rico, the incoming President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico, the President-Elect of the United States, the Vice President Elect of the United States, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate, the Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate, the Chair and members of the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Chair and members of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources.