

2019 Reaffirmation of the NFDW 2016 Resolution on Statehood for Puerto Rico

Whereas the people of Puerto Rico ratified in 1952 Law 600 of the United States Congress that created the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as a political status for Puerto Rico which in reality is a territory of the United States of America.

Today after so many years since 1952 the people of Puerto Rico has decided is time for a change in the political relations between Puerto Rico and our mainland the United States of America. Since 1968 the pro-statehood movement in Puerto Rico has been growing constantly. The residents of Puerto Rico since 1917 have been citizens of the United States of America and have participated in all American wars since 1917. Today there are many combat troops in *Irak*, Afghanistan etc. Puerto Rican residents cannot vote for the President of the United States and do not have any member of Congress which can have a vote in the House of Representatives and Puerto Rico does not have a Senator in the United States Senate. It is time that Congress start to act and put into effect the wishes of the majority of residents of Puerto Rico, In 2012 after a long political campaign several options and political formulas were presented to the residents of Puerto Rico and they chose statehood. Also statehood has been endorsed by this Federation NFDW since 1987.

In November 2012 a referendum or plebiscite was celebrated in Puerto Rico and 65.1% voted in favor of Statehood for Puerto Rico against the other formulas like Independence Enhanced Commonwealth and others. So the people of Puerto Rico is clear that the political status of their choice is Statehood For the first time in 500 hundred years since the discovery of Puerto Rico by Spain and more than 100 years since the United States made Puerto Rico a territory of the United States Statehood has been chosen as the permanent status for the Puerto Rico in this era.

Historic results for Statehood are:

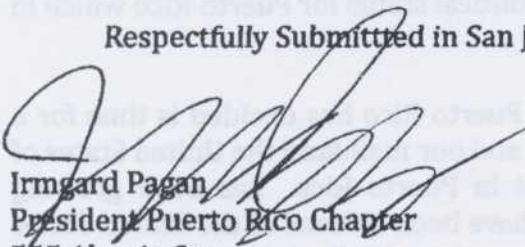
Year 1967 : Statehood 39%
Year 1993 : Statehood 46.3%
Year 1998 : Statehood 46.49%
Year 2012: Statehood 61.3%

With recent economic events it became dear that Municipalities or Public Corporations that belong to the government cannot even apply for Chapter 9 of Reorganization like the States. This Chapter of Law was used by Detroit to get reorganized when they had the economic crisis.

Public and Private Schools teach English as one of the main languages.

So be resolved that Congress is requested to make possible the wishes decided by the Puerto Ricans in favor of Statehood and to put in effect immediately the democratic principles of this our great nation the United States of America.

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