



Reaffirmation of National Federation of Democratic Women Resolution Advocating Statehood for Puerto Rico

WHEREAS, in November 2012, a referendum or plebiscite was celebrated in Puerto Rico and 64% voted in favor of statehood for Puerto Rico over possible formulas like independence, enhanced Commonwealth, and others; the people of Puerto Rico made clear that the country's political status should be statehood. For the first time in 500 hundred years since the discovery of Puerto Rico by Spain and more than 100 years after the United States made Puerto Rico a territory of the United States, statehood was chosen as the permanent designation; and

WHEREAS, in July 2017, the Puerto Ricans voted again in favor of statehood by more than 90 percent of the voters that participated in the event; and

WHEREAS, in July 2017 the people of Puerto Rico voted again in a direct referendum rather than in a Constitutional Assembly , resulting in 95 percent in favor of statehood.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Federation of Democratic Women requests Congress honor the wishes decided in a direct vote by the Puerto Ricans in favor of statehood. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NFDW asks the U.S. Congress to put into effect immediately the process for passing such legislation, following the democratic principles of our great nation, the United States of America.

Submitted in San Juan Puerto Rico may 1 2021.

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