



**A RESOLUTION OF THE HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF METRO ORLANDO OPPOSING THE EXPANSION OF GAMBLING IN FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, Florida voters have, on three separate occasions, rejected the legalization of Las Vegas-style casino gambling in Florida; and

WHEREAS, studies reveal that, when introduced into developed tourism economies, casino gambling has devastating effects on established local businesses; and

WHEREAS, this fact was proven in Atlantic City where 40 percent of local restaurants and one third of the local retail establishment closed following the introduction of casino gambling; and

WHEREAS, Las Vegas-style casino gambling is demonstrably linked to higher social costs, including the cost of regulation, the cost of crime, the cost of additional law enforcement, and the cost of treatment for addicted gamblers; and

WHEREAS, The Gambling Impact Study, authorized and funded by the Florida Legislature in 2013 found that 95% of the revenue for expanded Florida casinos would be from local residents, not tourists; and

WHEREAS, Florida's history with gambling demonstrates its natural tendency to expand to new areas once introduced; and

WHEREAS, The State Legislature will soon discuss agreements and legislation that could dramatically expand gambling in Florida,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF METRO ORLANDO THAT:

Section 1. THE HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF METRO ORLANDO hereby opposes the expansion of gambling in Florida.

Section 2. THE HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF METRO ORLANDO specifically opposes legislation that would legalize so-called "destination casinos" in Florida.

Section 3. THE HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF METRO ORLANDO specifically opposes legislation or agreements that introduce new types of gambling or new gambling locations to Florida.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_29\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_January\_\_\_, 2016.

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Diana Bolivar, President  
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro Orlando