

Resolutions adopted by the Council of National Directors of the Polish American Congress, assembled on October 27-28, 2011 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

RESOLUTION #1

WHEREAS, in the past the Polish American Congress and *Wspolnota Polska* have successfully cooperated in the activities and projects of the Polish American Congress which benefited the Polish American Community, and for the enhancement of Polish Culture in the United States,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Polish American Congress anticipates continued support.

RESOLUTION #2

WHEREAS, *Wspolnota Polska* seeks the necessity of organizing the fourth *Zjazd Polonii Swiata* in 2012,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Polish American Congress agrees to promote and participate in this endeavor.

RESOLUTION #3

WHEREAS, the *Seimas* (Parliament) of the Republic of Lithuania adopted on March 17th, 2011, a new Education Bill, later signed into law by the President of the Republic of Lithuania, and

WHEREAS, the Education Bill introduces drastic changes in the education process of national minorities in Lithuania and, as such, it caused great concern and later criticism by these minorities, and

WHEREAS, public disapproval was demonstrated by hundreds of letters and resolutions sent to the President, *Seimas* and Government of the Republic of Lithuania, as well as over 60,000 signatures collected in support of these resolutions, and

WHEREAS, public protests and rallies were conducted in front of the Ministry of Education and of the President of the Republic of Lithuania, and

WHEREAS, the matter was brought to the attention of the European Parliament by Representatives from Lithuania, Poland and Hungary.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Council of National Directors of the Polish American Congress, assembled on October 28th, 2011 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania is greatly concerned with the deteriorating situation of Poles in Lithuania, which lately has evolved into open discrimination. The Polish American Congress fully supports rightful demands of the Polish minority in Lithuania regarding preserving and development of their national heritage, of which Polish language and education in history are fundamental components.

Further, the Polish American Congress appeals to the Governments of the United States and of the Republic of Poland, as well as to the European Commission, to take necessary actions to protect and defend basic human rights and fundamental freedom of the Polish minority in Lithuania.

RESOLUTION #4

WHEREAS, the Polish American Congress aims to stimulate and unify actions of persons of Polish ancestry in the United States in pursuit of their rights and duties as citizens, and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the Polish American Congress to be represented by Americans of Polish ancestry in all levels of American government and the judiciary, and

WHEREAS, it is the interest of the Polish American Congress and Polish Americans to encourage candidates for elected office who advocate for the goals and objectives of the Polish American Congress and Polonia, and

WHEREAS, the United States is entering a period of primaries and elections at the federal, state and local levels to select officials and judges,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that all Polish American Congress Divisions and Member Organizations collect and forward information to the Washington, DC office about candidates of Polish ancestry in their jurisdictions; inform candidates about Polish American Congress issues and interests and seek their support; inform their members and the Polish American community about candidates who support the interests and causes of the Polish American Congress and Polish American community; encourage and assist all Polish Americans and friends to register and vote; and that the Polish American Congress Washington, DC office coordinate the collection and dissemination of information about Polish American candidates for office.

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RESOLUTION #5

WHEREAS, Walter Zachariasiewicz has rendered dedicated service to the cause of Poland and American Polonia, and

WHEREAS, Walter Zachariasiewicz has provided over a half century of forward-looking leadership to the Polish American Congress and other organizations of American Polonia, and

WHEREAS, Walter Zachariasiewicz has led a life of exemplary dedication to the values we hold dear,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Polish American Congress Council of National Directors, meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on October 27-28, 2011, expresses its respect and appreciation to Mr. Zachariasiewicz, congratulates Mr Zachariasiewicz on the 100th anniversary of his birth and extends very best wishes for many more years of good health, happiness and satisfaction.

RESOLUTION #6

WHEREAS, Lucas Kulczycki, MD, has made us proud with his outstanding contributions to medical sciences and education, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kulczycki has achieved and supported the Polish American Congress for many years,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Council of National Directors of the Polish American congress, meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on October 27-28, 2011, expresses its respect and appreciation, congratulates Dr. Kulczycki who recently celebrated his 100* birthday, and extends best wishes for his continued good health and prosperity.

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