

A Resolution to Grant Puerto Rico Independence

1 **WHEREAS,** Puerto Rico is a effectively a colony of the United States, entirely denied
2 meaningful political representation in the Federal government; and
3 **WHEREAS,** one-sided exploitative policies such as the Jones Act and FOMBPR have
4 been used to extract economic value from the Puerto Rican people, stifling
5 prosperity and financial stability; and
6 **WHEREAS,** the United States has a history of suppressing Puerto Rican independence
7 movements throughout the 20th century, including by banning
8 independence parties and opposition to Federal mandates; and
9 **WHEREAS,** statehood and the accompanying political representation is insufficient to
10 change the systematic exploitative and illiberal policies enforced by the U.S.
11 Federal Government; now, therefore, be it
12 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that Puerto Rico be granted independence
13 from the United States of America. Puerto Rico shall be recognized as a
14 sovereign nation and state free from the plenary constitutional authority of
15 congress and the federal government. Puerto Rico is invited to join the
16 United States in a compact of free association