

Whereas Venezuela, as Latin America's longest-lived democracy, has long enjoyed a proud tradition of open democratic government; and

Whereas the Venezuelan government has obstructed elections, suppressed dissent, held political prisoners, and restricted rights of information, movement and assembly; and

Whereas the international community stands in solidarity with struggles to defend and restore democracy in Latin America; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that the Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

1. condemns the undermining of democracy in Venezuela;
2. urges Venezuela's government to ensure free and impartial electoral processes, to cease arrests of activists, to release political prisoners, to halt violence against peaceful protestors, and to respect civil liberties; and
3. instructs the Executive Council and the Section for Venezuela Studies jointly to appoint a special commission to assess the conditions of democracy in Venezuela, and prepare and circulate a report.

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