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New Mission Statement of the American Agenda of the Polish American Congress,

During the PAC conference in San Diego, CA in October of 2006, an attempt was made to pass a resolution which would set in motion an open discussion of the new American Agenda. The resolution was not adopted at that time, but another attempt succeeded in May of 2007 during the PAC meeting the Rosemont, Illinois PAC conference, but it was never reporting in the official minutes which were prepared for the PAC Phoenix conference in May of 2008. Another attempt to re-introduce this resolution at the Phoenix, AZ failed again. Finally, it was passed successfully on October 17, 2009 at the Rosemont, Illinois PAC conference.

I consider adoption of the new American Agenda to be paramount to the success and the future of the Polish American Congress, since it clearly defines to the New PAC Mission Statement. If properly implemented and administered, the new American Agenda will engage, connect and serve above all, all of the Polonia in the United States. Adoption of the American Agenda may at last become a cookbook of guiding principles which ultimately will help us all to fulfill lofty ambitions of the Polish Americans in the United States.

Unquestionably, the PAC must turn itself inwards and make the Polonia in the USA to be the center of its attention, and when you read the various conceptual ideas, you will quickly notice that indeed, they address primarily the political/economic and social improvement of the Polish Americans in the USA.

**The adoption of the American Agenda does not mean that the Polish Agenda will be abandoned, it strictly stresses the fact, that the execution of the American Agenda by the PAC will indeed be the top priority of the PAC at the national and state levels.**

The list provided below is by no means complete and it deserves to be carefully scrutinized and eventually prioritized. At the San Diego convention there were only 14 different initiatives suggested. With the help of other reform minded individuals, I took the liberty to add additional ideas and I have expanded this list now to 47 entries.

Above all, please keep in mind, that as much as the adoption of the resolution is essential to the new direction to the PAC and its new Mission Statement, the various conceptual ideas are merely suggestions for directives, how to implement successfully "the American Agenda" of the PAC. Also, obviously, this will be a long term commitment undertaking and a laborious process which made easily take a decade or more to accomplish.

Please do not be afraid or feel threatened by the new American Agenda, a far greater danger to the PAC today, is not to do anything at all, when the Polonia expects so much from the Congress and from each one of you. Have the courage to change the image of Your Congress!

LET POLAND LIVE FREELY, BUT CONQUER AMERICA!

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