

RESOLUTION NO. ____

WHEREAS, the United States of America is a nation of immigrants whose story is woven into the social and cultural fabric of this nation; and

WHEREAS, there appears to be willingness at the federal level to make historic strides and address an immigration system that has long been broken; and

WHEREAS, the challenges with our immigration system demand a solution that is both reasonable and comprehensive that adds infrastructure and technology while also recognizing the need for the creation of a policy that reflects both civil and human rights; and

WHEREAS, every social sector stands to benefit from a comprehensive reform of our federal immigration system; and

WHEREAS, any comprehensive solution must include a streamlined, more efficient system that reduces the backlog in an overburdened process and encourages legal migration through a humane and transparent system; **NOW,**

THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City of Austin hereby urges the United States Congress to enact legislation accomplishing comprehensive immigration reform that: provides a realistic pathway to citizenship; works to keep families of immigrants intact;

promotes public safety, national security, and economic prosperity; respects human rights and civil liberties; establishes a responsible and accountable border policy; and addresses the root causes of migration.

ADOPTED: _____, 2013 **ATTEST:** _____
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk