

**RESOLUTION NO. 20130228-034**

**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

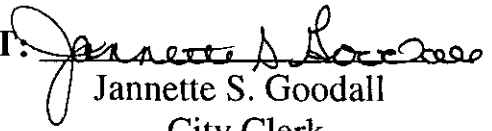
**WHEREAS**, any comprehensive solution must include a streamlined, more efficient system that reduces the backlog in an overburdened process and encourages legal migration through a humane and transparent system; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**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:** February 28, 2013

**ATTEST:**

  
Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk