

## **RESOLUTION NO. 19 OF 2007**

WHEREAS, there are legal procedures that immigrants must follow if they seek to become United States citizens; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania cities, boroughs and townships are experiencing an influx of illegal immigrants who are not following legal procedures; and

WHEREAS, the illegal immigrants are placing demands on medical facilities, housing facilities, educational institutions and other municipal services; and

WHEREAS, illegal immigrants are receiving many educational, medical and other benefits for free to the detriment of law-abiding citizens who have to pay for their own benefits as well as for the benefits being given to illegal immigrants; and

WHEREAS, the influx of illegal immigrants has led to a rise in the crime rate and thus divert police attention from other duties; and

WHEREAS, unscrupulous businesses are hiring illegal immigrants and taking away job opportunities for law-abiding citizens; and

WHEREAS, the influx of illegal immigrants is straining the resources of Pennsylvania municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has pre-empted state and local governments from dealing with the problems created by the influx of illegal immigrants; and

WHEREAS, the state and local governments cannot enforce immigration laws without prior approval of the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the federal government is not enforcing the immigration laws; and

WHEREAS the law-abiding citizens deserve to be protected from the influx of illegal immigrants; and

WHEREAS, under our system of federalism the federal government and state and local governments share powers and authority; and

WHEREAS, the law-abiding citizens deserve to be protected from the social and legal problems created in their communities caused by illegal immigrants and exacerbated by the federal policy of non-enforcement of immigration laws:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation is hereby encouraged to prepare, introduce and actively support an amendment to existing federal laws.

