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.

RESOLVED, that the amendment permit state and local police to arrest and detain illegal immigrants, all without prior approval by the federal government.

RESOLVED, that the amendment permit state and local prosecutors to seek appropriate criminal charges and/or deportation of illegal immigrants, all without prior approval by the federal government.

RESOLVED, that the amendment permit county judges to hold deportation hearings and order deportation when appropriate, all without prior approval by the federal government.

RESOLVED, that the amendment provide that any businesses which hire illegal immigrants be fined and in addition to the fines, be required to reimburse the state and local governments for the cost of arrest, detention, prosecution and deportation of any illegal immigrants hired by such companies.

RESOLVED, that the federal government reimburse the state and local government for the cost of arrest, detention, prosecution and deportation of any illegal immigrants for costs not covered by any businesses hiring illegal immigrants.

Signed and sealed this 17th day of May, 2007.

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