

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-36

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING A DESIRE FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ENACT COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM.

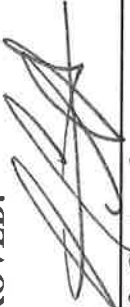
- WHEREAS**, the issue of immigration is complex and has been so for hundreds of years; and
- WHEREAS**, immigration is solely a federal mandate according to the US Constitution as recently upheld by the US Supreme Court; and
- WHEREAS**, the needs and realities of border communities like ours are often not represented by federal policy and much less by partisan political posturing; and
- WHEREAS**, the lack of federal action to fix the immigration system has opened the door for states to try and implement ill-advised laws to deal with immigration issues; and
- WHEREAS**, those attempts have been met with costly boycotts and lawsuits; and
- WHEREAS**, local police departments do not have the financial or human resources to conduct the federal government's immigration responsibilities; and
- WHEREAS**, Police Chiefs' Associations across the county have recommended against the practice of having local police officers do the role of federal immigration officers, and
- WHEREAS**, the mission of the Anthony Police Department is to Protect and to Serve all residents of Anthony, NM and not to enforce immigration laws, and
- WHEREAS**, Anthony Police Department will collaborate with federal, state, and county law enforcement agencies to serve Anthony residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ANTHONY:

- 1) That the City of Anthony urges our national leaders to agree upon comprehensive reform of immigration legislation which provides a path to citizenship; and
- 2) That the City of Anthony values community policing principles; and
- 3) That the City of Anthony will not call upon its police department, its officers or employees to enforce federal immigration laws; and
- 4) That the City of Anthony will continue to foster relationships with federal law enforcement agencies so that they can conduct their duties in a professional and respectful manner towards our residents, and
- 5) That the City of Anthony calls upon its residents to find solutions for the community security issues we face, so that our City can continue to be a place where business can thrive, taxpayers can receive good quality services and families can prosper.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPRIVED THIS 17th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2012.

APPROVED:



Araulfo Castaneda, Mayor

ATTEST:



Velma Navarrete, (A) City Clerk



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ROLL CALL VOTE

Mayor Pro-Tem Diana Murillo	YES
Trustee Betty Gonzalez	YES
Trustee James Scott	YES
Trustee Pilar Madrid	YES