

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BIPARTISAN IMMIGRATION REFORM

WHEREAS, a well-functioning immigration system promotes economic development for US citizens and immigrants, and enables talented people worldwide to invest and reside in the United States; and

WHEREAS, residents and businesses in cities throughout the United States continue to face great uncertainty and hardship from the shortcomings of our current immigration system;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the African American Mayors Association urges Congress to enact bipartisan immigration reform measures that aim to: (1) Strengthen our borders while assuring that state and local law enforcement is able to remain focused on community policing; (2) Establish a streamlined visa process to efficiently process seasonal, agricultural, lesser-skilled and high skilled workers; 3) Provide a uniform system of employment verification; and (4) Implement a framework that enables people of goodwill currently living in the shadows to come out and fully pursue the American dream.