

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, U.S. immigration policy continues to be an intensely divisive issue; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona has recently passed an immigration law SB 1070 signed into law by Governor Jan Brewer on April 23, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 1070 has caused widespread concern among civil libertarian and humanitarian advocates; and

**WHEREAS**, Civil Rights Leaders, Elected Officials and Police Chiefs across the country are also expressing deep reservations regarding SB1070; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of El Paso is a home-rule city that is deeply committed to human rights, human dignity and social justice; and

**WHEREAS**, we believe that legitimate concerns exist with SB 1070 that could potentially jeopardize rational allocation of public safety resources and create a wedge between law enforcement and ethnic communities and lead to racial profiling; and

**WHEREAS**, having local law enforcement involved in immigration enforcement will force undocumented crime victims to suffer and prevent their access to justice; and

**WHEREAS**, the vast majority of Latin Americans and Mexican immigrants in the United States have come in search of better lives for their families and themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, it is cruel for immigrants to have to live in the underground of American society; and

**WHEREAS**, America has always been a land of opportunity for hardworking immigrants supported by the enduring principles of our Constitution;

### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

1. That the City of El Paso calls upon our national leaders to agree upon comprehensive reform of immigration legislation which provide for a compassionate path to citizenship; and
2. That the City of El Paso believes in the dignity of work and advocates for humane treatment of working immigrants and calls upon President Barack Obama and the Honorable Congress of our great nation to courageously pursue Comprehensive Immigration Reform now; and
3. That the City of El Paso calls upon its citizens to stand together and find solutions for the greater good of all including those least able to defend themselves in the spirit of the great Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, and Cesar Chavez.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2010.

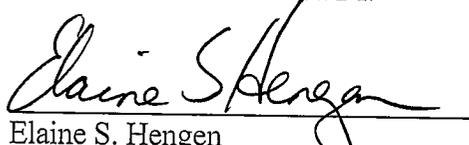
CITY OF EL PASO

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