

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, homelessness has a grave impact on child development and homeless children experience more developmental delays, emotional problems, and behavioral issues than their housed peers;

WHEREAS, homelessness, whether of long or short duration, is a condition that greatly impacts school readiness;

WHEREAS, the federal government through the McKinney-Vento Bill provides funds to cities to help remove barriers to education;

WHEREAS, for the past 10 years the Region 19 has used McKinney-Vento funds to create the Region 19 Homeless Project, a system of nurturing and support for children experiencing homelessness so they have a chance to succeed at school;

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2004 – 2005, the Region 19 Homeless Project was recognized and commended by both State and Federal officials for providing services such as classroom tutoring, transportation, homework tutorials, meetings between tutors and teachers to support classroom instruction and assignments, school supplies, uniforms, underwear, and socks and referral to community services to homeless students residing in 6 school districts in rural and urban areas of El Paso County;

WHEREAS, the homeless children of El Paso County deserve access to programs such as the Region 19 Homeless Program;

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

That the City of El Paso supports the request for continued funding for the Region 19 Homeless Project and authorizes the Mayor to send letters in support of the program to funding agencies and to request that the mayors of the rural communities in El Paso County join him in supporting the efforts of Region 19 to continue the program.

ADOPTED this the 18th day of July 2006.

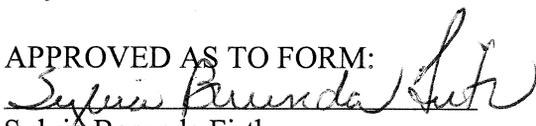
THE CITY OF EL PASO

ATTEST:

John F. Cook
Mayor

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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