

BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION IMPLORING AND URGING PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE UNITED STATES SENATE AND THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (CONGRESS) TO STRONGLY ENFORCE THE UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT, 8 U.S.C. §1101 *et seq.* (THE "ACT") AND TO APPROVE INTO LAW ANY AMENDMENTS NECESSARY TO FURTHER ADDRESS OUR CITIZENS' CONCERNS ABOUT THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OUR POROUS BORDERS ARE HAVING ON OUR NATIONAL SECURITY AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR CITIES AND IN OUR STATES AND NATION.

WHEREAS, our country was founded on the basic principle that we were a country of laws, not of men, and the absolute necessity to both obey and respect the law; and

WHEREAS, these principles of government and being a good citizen have been adhered to since our independence was declared on July 4, 1776, with the stirring words of our Declaration of Independence, the final ratification of the United States Constitution in 1789, and the Bill of Rights in 1791, and we have passed these principles on to each generation, and particularly to our school children; and

WHEREAS, the Immigrations and Nationality Act, Section United States Code 8 U.S.C. §1101 *et seq.*, amended substantially in 1986 and 1996, has throughout our history been and continues to be one of our country's most important laws, virtually any country's most important laws, as it relates directly to the security of our borders, the security of the country, and our only means by which we can reasonably assure our citizens that those coming into our country from other countries are good citizens who will be loyal to this country and respect the Rule of Law and contribute to the overall welfare of our citizens and this country; and

WHEREAS, in the last ten (10) or more years, the Act has not been strongly enforced and literally millions of individuals have come into our country in flagrant violation of the Act, most of the illegal aliens coming in across our most southerly border; and

WHEREAS, it has been estimated that there are currently tens of thousands of illegal aliens living in the State of South Carolina and thousands in Beaufort County; and

WHEREAS, our country's open, porous borders are a clear threat to our national security, which threat was heightened significantly after 9/11; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of this state and nation and the citizens of the Beaufort County are concerned, worried, upset, frustrated, and downright mad that President Bush and the

Executive Branch of the United States government has and is totally failing in the enforcement of the Act as it relates to the influx of illegal aliens; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Beaufort County are just as concerned that our legislative delegation has been unable to assert itself enough to result in the Executive Branch carrying out its sworn responsibilities to enforce the Act; and

WHEREAS, if the Executive Branch and our legislative delegation believe the current Act is inadequate to address the problems of millions of illegal, undocumented aliens in our country, then Congress should set aside its partisan differences, its sectional differences, its philosophical differences, and agree on amendments to the immigration law that are needed and that will enable the Executive Branch to address the issues; and

WHEREAS, our local citizens are worried and concerned about the impact of illegal aliens on our national security, crime rates, illicit drug trade, the negative impacts on property values, public schools, park lands, public hospitals, taxes, welfare costs, and other potential major problems, as reflected the multitude of letters and e-mails received at County offices and our local newspapers relative to this issue; and

WHEREAS, even though the issues are complex, the underlying important principle is the necessity in this country to obey and respect the laws, the Rule of Law, and that is not what is happening and is not what has been happening in this country for at least the last ten (10) years; and

WHEREAS, as witnessed by the letters and e-mails, the citizens of Beaufort County, due to the inaction of the Executive and Legislative branches of our Federal Government to enforce the Act, are imploring, urging, and demanding their Council to enact its own laws to help in the enforcement of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Beaufort County Council is not only sympathetic to the pleas of its citizens, but is in agreement with the major concerns expressed and is, consequently, carefully reviewing the role the County can take to help support and enforce the United States immigration laws,

NOW THEREFORE, the Beaufort County Council urges the President to takes positive and meaningful steps to enforce the immigration laws and further urges Congress to move forward to approve meaningful legislation, legislation that will assist the Executive Branch in enforcing the law,

Section 1: That all matters in the above recited preamble are found to be true and correct and are incorporated into the body of this resolution as if copied in their entirety.

Section 2: (A) That the County Council of the Beaufort County urges and implores President Bush and the Executive Branch to commence

immediately to enforce our immigration laws and address the serious problem of the breakdown of the Rule of Law in this country as it relates to the millions of illegal aliens within our boundaries.

- (B) That the United States Congress and particularly our Congressional Delegation from the State of South Carolina, the Honorable Lindsey Graham, the Honorable Jim DeMint, the Honorable Joe Wilson, the Honorable James Clyburn, the Honorable Henry Brown, the Honorable Bob Inglis, the Honorable John Spratt, the Honorable J. Gresham Barrett, exert all of their combined wisdom, strength, influence, and dedication to the Rule of Law to see that a meaningful amended "Act" is expeditiously approved that addresses the many concerns of the citizens of Beaufort County and of this state and nation.

Section 3: That a copy of this resolution with an accompanying letter signed by the Chairman and each member of the Beaufort County Council be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States; to the Honorable Congressional Delegation of the State of South Carolina; to the Honorable Mark Sanford, Governor of the State of South Carolina; and all members of the General Assembly, all County, Municipal, and School District offices in the State of South Carolina.

Adopted this 27th day of November, 2006.



Wm. Weston J. Newton, Chairman



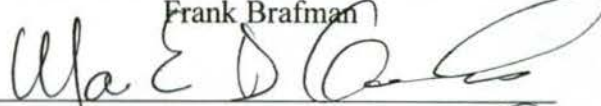
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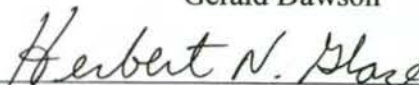
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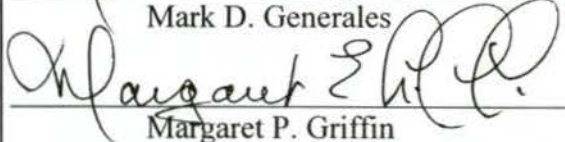
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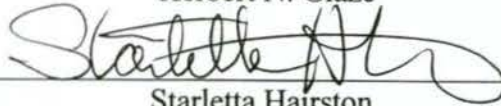
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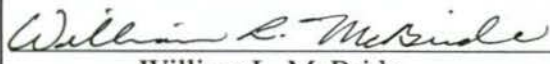
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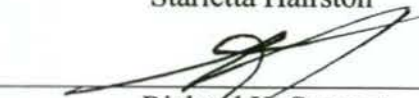
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