



RESOLUTION BY THE
National Latino Peace Officers Association

WHEREAS, The National Latino Peace Officers Association (NLPOA), is the largest nationwide Minority Law Enforcement Association in America; and

WHEREAS, the NLPOA opposes efforts to engage state and local police authorities in the enforcement of federal civil immigration laws and believes in the "Rule of Law and the Spirit of the Law" and that local and state police "cannot be all things to all people" when providing public safety in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the prevailing attitude in the United States on the immigration system and its enforcement is that the system is broken and that the laws that govern it need to be reformed; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America, Barack Obama, pledged to the people that he would push for the comprehensive reform of our nation's immigration laws, a belief shared by former President George W. Bush and Senator John McCain; and

WHEREAS, there is overwhelming evidence that prejudice and intolerance towards documented and undocumented residents, is being felt throughout the country creating fear, apprehension and mistrust that is dividing and hurting communities and people of all races and ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, state and local law enforcement are being asked to enforce federal immigration laws that contribute to fear, division and may lead to civil rights violations instead of trust and support within immigrant communities and law enforcement needs every community member, regardless of their status, to be a partner in crime prevention and public safety; and

WHEREAS, The NLPOA believes that comprehensive reform of our immigration laws will bring millions of people out of the shadows of fear and into the participation of democracy and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform will focus on strengthening the borders of our nation, put common sense rationale back into our immigration system; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the NLPOA affirms its past position on immigration which is to continue to oppose the expansion of enforcement of federal statutes by state and local law enforcement when such actions create divisions between the community and its law enforcement agencies and further erode the hard work accomplished through community policing and other means that built bonds between the two and helped to make our communities safer and our nation stronger; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NLPOA seeks to be part of the national policy discussion and design of the comprehensive reformation of our national immigration laws so that all people within the United States of America can become participants in our democracy while making our country safer and that Congress and the President should bring about these reforms sooner rather than later because they are in the best interest of our country.

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