

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. URGING PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA AND THE 113th CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENACT COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FIVE PRINCIPLES EMBRACED BY THE PARTNERSHIP FOR A NEW AMERICAN ECONOMY

WHEREAS, an estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants currently live in the United States; and

WHEREAS, during the past decade both President George W. Bush, a Republican, and President Barack Obama, a Democrat, have supported the passage of comprehensive immigration reform; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama and leading Republicans, including Senator Marco Rubio, have indicated strong support for passage of a comprehensive immigration bill in 2013 that includes strengthening border security, imposing penalties for employers that hire undocumented workers, and providing a pathway for undocumented immigrants already in the United States to gain citizenship; and

WHEREAS, advocates of comprehensive immigration reform include a broad range of groups across a wide spread spectrum of political views; and

WHEREAS, prominent business and municipal leaders throughout the country have created the organization “Partnership for a New American Economy” to advocate for sensible immigration reform; and

WHEREAS, Partnership for a New American Economy has published five principles that should be incorporated into a modern immigration system: (1) attracting and retaining the world’s top innovators and entrepreneurs; (2) recruiting talented workers needed to fill gaps in high- and low- skilled sectors of the economy; (3) bringing 11 million undocumented immigrants into legal economy so that they can pay taxes, attain better education; and contribute more to the economic growth of the United States; (4) developing a state of the arts

system to ensure that immigration laws are enforced and obeyed; and (5) ensuring that the immigration system is easy to understand, easy to navigate, and easy to implement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc.

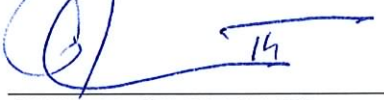
Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. The Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc., urges President Barack Obama and the 113th Congress of the United States to enact comprehensive immigration reform that incorporates the five principals embraced by the Partnership for a New American Economy, attached and incorporated.

Section 3. The Executive Director of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc. is hereby directed and authorized to send a copy of this resolution to President Barack Obama, the Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, Senator Chuck Schumer, Senator Lindsey Graham, Senator Marco Rubio, Senator Bill Nelson, Senator Bob Menendez, Senator John McCain, Senator Richard Durbin, Senator Michael Bennett, Senator Jeff Flake, and the Secretary of the United States Department of Homeland Security.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc. at regular meeting assembled this 2 day of May, 2013.

ATTEST:


OLIVER GILBERT, III
SECRETARY


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PRESIDENT