

Immigrant Pride Month Resolution

(Approved Unanimously by LA City Council 10-0, July 23, 2010)

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is home to at least 1.6 million immigrants or 40% of the total City population; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is a "global city" that is a paramount center of numerous cultures and languages; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has adopted a policy of boycotting certain commerce with the state of Arizona due to its enactment of anti-immigrant legislation in violation of U.S. constitutional provisions that reserve immigration policy to the federal government; and

WHEREAS, anti-immigrant legislation like SB 1070 in Arizona and other "clone" measures now circulating across the nation have an inherent consequence of racial profiling and discrimination against certain ethnic and racial groups that share characteristics with immigrant populations; and

WHEREAS, numerous pro-immigrant advocates are engaged in legal and civic efforts to repeal Arizona's anti-immigrant law, as well as enact new federal

Policies that would reform the current immigration system, including provisions for Legalization for qualified undocumented persons; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should call on local public institutions; business; professional sports teams; media; faith-based entities; and community groups to observe "Immigrant Pride Month" by conducting educational, advocacy, and other activities celebrating the contributions of immigrants to the City and County of Los Angeles, the State of California, and the USA in general, as well as in favor of pro-immigrant federal policy proposals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby declares the month of August, 2010 (August 1-Sept 4) as "Immigrant Pride Month" as a positive counter example to the planned implementation on July 29, 2010 of Arizona's anti-immigrant law (SB1070).

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