## **RESOLUTION No. 14-30**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE OF DORAL. **FLORIDA** SUPPORTING CITY CONGRESSIONAL EFFORTS TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT REFORMS TO THE CURRENT IMMIGRATION LAWS AND REGULATIONS: AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO FORWARD A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE **OF** REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE: AND PROVIDING FOR AN **EFFECTIVE DATE** 

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Doral (the "City") believes fixing our nation's broken immigration laws is among the most important issues of interest to our residents and the City believes strongly that maintaining the status quo will further damage the economic, political and social structure of our cities and our country; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that a meaningful fix to immigration must begin with a strengthening of border security. Further, interior enforcement should be improved to enhance our ability to identify and remove visa overstays, but our state and local law enforcement must be able to remain focused on community policing; and

**WHEREAS,** the nation would benefit from a less bureaucratic and more timesensitive system that allows workers of all types - seasonal, agricultural, lesser-skilled and high skilled – to lawfully come to America, either temporarily or permanently, and contribute to our economy; and

WHEREAS, part of immigration reform must also provide a uniform system of employment verification; and

WHEREAS, there are equally compelling moral dimensions also related to immigration reform that underscore the importance of moving forward with the effort; people must be able to come out of the shadows and fully pursue the American Dream for

themselves and their families. This is also essential to our efforts to combat crime and provide effective police protection for our residents, property owners, businesses and visitors.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1.</u> The above recitals are true, correct, and incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2. Immigration Reform.** The City believes the time is ripe for Congress to pass legislation that fixes immigration and creates a system that builds our economy, meets the nation's future workforce requirements, eliminates the incentives to enter the country illegally, humanely deals with the undocumented persons already here, and works to keep families together.

Section 3. City Clerk. The City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the State of Florida members of the United States House of Representatives and Senate.

<u>Section 4.</u> <u>Effective Date.</u> This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

By unanimous consensus of the City Council, the item was approved.

Mayor Luigi Boria	Yes
Vice Mayor Christi Fraga	Yes
Councilwoman Ana Maria Rodriguez	Yes
Councilwoman Bettina Rodriguez Aguilera	Yes
Councilwoman Sandra Ruiz	Yes

PASSED and ADOPTED this 19 day of February, 2014.

LUIGI BORIA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BARBARA HERRERA, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF DORAL ONLY:

JOHN R. HERIN, JR., CITY ATTORNEY