

**CITY OF LAFAYETTE
RESOLUTION NO. 2007-20**

WHEREAS, in the spirit of the teachings of Cesar Chavez of justice, unity, civil rights, and public action, there is a need for realistic and comprehensive approach to immigration reform that provides a path to citizenship, addresses the immigration back log, unifies families, and provides a safe legal, and orderly avenue for migrant workers to enter the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lafayette acknowledges the importance of immigrants to the city economy and its cultural life; and

WHEREAS, according to 2000 Census data 9.8% of Lafayette residents are foreign born; and

WHEREAS, the city of Lafayette is committed to being an inclusive community as demonstrated in the passage of the proclamation on the 2nd of May, 2006 titled “Partnerships for Working Towards Inclusive Communities”; and

WHEREAS, the “Partnership for Working Towards Inclusive Communities” resolves that “...the City of Lafayette hereby reaffirms [its] commitment to inclusion as a fundamental aspect of our community, pledges active efforts to seek to achieve that goal, and urges all citizens of Lafayette to join together to support this effort”; and

WHEREAS, the United States has the right and need to secure our borders and that national security is of critical importance, and the United States has a valid national interest in promoting the rule of law, and excluding those who engage in criminal or terrorist activity.; and

WHEREAS, mass-round ups of dignified families does not significantly deter migration to this nation of families seeking a better life, rather it increases public costs due to prolonged detention, and creates undue fear and unrest among legal immigrants and citizens; and

WHEREAS, the longer the immigration debate remains unresolved by the federal government, apprehension and tension will continue to tear at the fabric of our great community and nation; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

The City of Lafayette calls upon both the President of the United States and the Congress to pursue a course towards immigration reform that is realistic and comprehensive, that provides a path to citizenship, addresses the immigration back log, unifies families, and provides a safe legal, and orderly avenue for migrant workers to enter the United States, with the greatest haste and the utmost diligence.

PASSED AND RESOLVED this 15th day of May 2007.

CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO

Chris Berry, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Susan Koster, City Clerk

James Windholz, City Attorney