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Civil Rights

RESOLUTION

Whereas, The League of United Latin American Citizens, LULAC, continues to champion the cause of human rights for all people, and

Whereas, LULAC strongly support the U. S. Government's need to secure our borders to ensure the safety and well being of our citizens, and

Whereas, LULAC recognizes that the office of Homeland Security has implemented extensive inspections at land border ports at the U.S.-Mexico borders to prevent the entry of terrorists or the introduction of explosives, dangerous toxic chemicals or other life threatening devices and,

WHEREAS, the need to have all persons arriving from Mexico at the El Paso ports of Entry via commercial conveyances and bicycles to walk through the pedestrian inspection. The inspection process through the pedestrian lanes has reached up to four hour waiting time exposed to the elements, without available water, bathroom facilities or benches of the elderly and physically challenged to sit along the way.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the General Services Administration, The Office of Homeland Security or the City of El Paso, whoever may have the responsibility for the facilities of Paso del Norte Bridge, Bridge of the Americas and Ysleta Bridge provide the basic human needs for persons arriving at the El Paso ports of entry to include water, protection from the elements and bathroom facilities. Further, that persons arriving by public conveyances and other vehicles that require inspection through the pedestrian lane be afforded the same respect as those arriving at airports and seaports.

Be It Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Members of Congress whose district represent the U. S. -Mexico border residents and the Mayor and City Council Representatives for the City of El Paso.

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