

LULAC – Columbus Councils, Regional District I

And LULAC OHIO

Leadership is stated as the "process of social influence in which one person can enlist the aid and support of others in the accomplishment of a common task." Other definition affirms that leadership is ultimately about creating a way for people to contribute to making something extraordinary happen."

And this is what brings us here today, an extraordinary leader who displayed character during an event that happened in recent days here in Columbus, Ohio. And it was thanks to the bold leadership of our friend Mayor Michael Coleman as he approached a situation created by the Arizona law known as SB1070, banning Columbus city workers from traveling to Arizona on city government business, a decision that plunged this city these days deep into the nation's emotional debate over the topic of immigration.

Mayor Coleman sent out a clear message that he opposed the new Arizona law. This Arizona law allows that police in the state, when practical after a stop, detention or arrest for other reasons, to seek proof of a person's immigration status if they suspect he or she is in the United States illegally.

This courage's and true leadership approach is of great admiration to LULAC Columbus Councils, Regional District I and LULAC Ohio and in so, would like to ratify our respect and esteem to Mayor Michael Coleman, mayor of the City of Columbus by means of this resolution approved by majority of votes today June 26th, of the year 2010 that states:

**Whereas**, at the most basic level, Mayor Coleman is a leader who knows how to lead others. He's a leader who has a vision, a drive and a commitment to achieve that vision for the better good, and the skills to make it happen.

**Whereas**, Mayor Coleman is a leader with a vision. He is a leader who see's a problem that needs to be fixed or a goal that needs to be achieved. It may be something that no one else sees

or simply something that no one else wants to tackle. Whatever it is, it is the focus of attention and to which he will attack it with a single-minded determination.

**Whereas**, Edison did not set out to build a better candle, he wanted to find a whole new way to illuminate the darkness. That's the kind of vision a leader has and Mayor Coleman has distinguished himself as being that provider in pursuit of a better candle to illuminate the darkness of this 21<sup>st</sup> century, showing proof again of that kind of vision a leader has.

**Whereas**, it is not enough to just have a vision. Lots of people see things that should be done, things that should be fixed, great steps ahead that could be taken. What makes Mayor Coleman a leader and difference him from the rest, is that he acted. Mayor Coleman took the steps to achieve his vision.

**Whereas**, it can be a passion for the idea, an inner sense of drive, or some sense of commitment. Whatever it is, it is the strength that allowed Mayor Coleman move his vision forward despite all the obstacles, despite all the people saying it can't be done, it's too costly; we tried that before, or a dozen other excuses. Mayor Coleman is a true leader who persevered and moved forward.

**Whereas,** Mayor Coleman exemplified many of these fundamental traits a leader has: Integrity. People believe in his dreams. Being, a conscious people person. Who understands the differences that make peoples unique individual skills so as to achieve goals. And is a positive leader that encourages and rewards people.

Whereas, Mayor Coleman has also been the recipient of the Latino Leadership Network, a tribute for his outstanding leadership in bringing communities together. The West Management, under City Viability appreciation for his initiation to make Columbus "A Healthy Place to live." And an honorable mention as does this resolution was issued for his stand in asking his staff not to travel to Arizona and for opposing Arizona's policies on dealing with immigrants. And finally there was also a positive mention, such from the Lung Association for Mayor Coleman's support on their initiative to educate people about health-related issues.

## BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LULAC COLUMBUS COUNCILS, REGIONAL DISTICT I and LULAC OHIO:

We agree that beyond the personal traits of a leader, there are specific skills that Mayor Coleman has mastered as a true leader. And beyond any doubt one of these is his ability as an effective communicator in which as a leader he has been able to move people to work toward the goal that he has chosen. A second personal trait is as a motivational leader, he has been able to motivate everyone to contribute. And finally planning, Mayor Coleman is that leader that has placed a created plan to achieve the goal. He does not get too worried in the details, but rather uses a high level plan to keep everyone moving together toward the goal.

In so, Mayor Michael Coleman is a leader that dream dreams. Refusing to let anyone or anything get in the way of achieving those dreams. He is realistic, but unrelenting. Polite, yet insistent and constantly and consistently driving forward toward a goal.

It is the intention of LULAC Columbus Councils, Regional District I and LULAC Ohio with this resolution to bring to light recognition to Mayor Michael Coleman's bold leadership, as he confronts situations that may contribute to differences in some and in others. Though through his persistent qualities and traits as a leader, has emerged from situations like the banning city workers from traveling to Arizona on government business, and other situation, offering his constituents light, hope and understanding so as to live the way, in the pursuit of happiness and the American dream.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the National LULAC President, Ms, Rosa Rosales with the intention of it to have the same opportunity to be submitted and approved by our members during the 81<sup>st</sup> LULAC National Convention to be held in the state of New Mexico during the month of July of the current year. And as approved we request that LULAC National send out a letter to Mayor Michael Coleman with a copy of this here resolution as approved at the LULAC National Convention.

Finally within our limited boundaries stated and imposed by our LULAC Constitution, we the undersigned formally request to approve this resolution dated today June twenty six, of the year two thousand and ten.

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