



**RESOLUTION TITLE: POLICY: TO ADOPT POLICIES AND APPLY STAFF DIRECTION RELATING TO ILLEGAL RESIDENTS IN GASTON COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the United States became a nation of 300+ million people this past week, and illegal immigration is a highly contributing factor to the formidable population explosion that is impacting communities throughout our nation. Impact Issues include: Overcrowding in school classrooms, public parks and recreational facilities, depleting affordable housing which was already in short supply for lower income citizens, creating havoc and death on our highways; increasing the crime rate due to lack of comprehension of the English language and inability to read and follow established laws; and lack of social and personal health care standards. The illegal immigrant population is estimated to be increasing by about a million people annually. The 2000 Census cited between 8 and 11 million illegal aliens living in the United States. This mass population growth of illegal immigrants creates an enormous strain and drain on public funds that are underwritten by taxpaying citizens of this country; and,

WHEREAS, being one of two states with the highest legal/illegal influx of foreign-born population, North Carolina saw a 273.7% increase in foreign born population from 1990 to 2000. Figures from the past five years indicate that North Carolina's immigrant population grew by 58.1% (373,000 to 590,000). North Carolina is home to some 300,000 illegal aliens costing the State approximately \$250 million per year for education, healthcare, and social services all of which is underwritten by the taxpaying citizens of this State. These increases are drastically affecting jobs and rapidly impacting the budget of this great State; and,

WHEREAS, the issue of legally limiting access of illegal aliens as related to local funding was brought to the attention of the Board of Commissioners via Resolution 2005-316 dated September 15, 2005 and in discussions many months prior to that date. Gaston County, in an effort to combat the extreme pressure being placed on its unit of local government, deems it appropriate to take steps at the local level to provide a more secure environment for the health, education and welfare of its people who support governmental operations through payment of their annual ad valorem taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners applies the following policies relating to illegal residents and directs County Staff to:

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I, Martha M. Jordan, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

NO.	DATE	M1	M2	CARPENTER	FLOYD	KEIGHER	BROWN	PRICE	TORBETT	FRALEY	VOTE
2006-414	11/9/2006	JT	TK			N			AB		5-1

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- Cease and desist local funding for any local programs provided to non-qualified illegal residents
- Discontinue all federally funded non-mandated programs servicing illegal residents
- Discontinue all state funded non-mandated programs servicing illegal residents
- Discontinue contracting with any local or out-of-county businesses employing or using identifiable illegal residents where county tax dollars are being expended
- Update Minimum Housing requirements to address the number of individuals/families that can be accommodated in rental dwellings
- County funded law enforcement agencies and the County Sheriff are instructed to diligently battle the ever increasing criminal element which is growing daily with the influx of the illegal population and to consistently check the immigration status of each undocumented resident upon his/her arrest by means consisting of but not limited to accessible data, finger prints, and/or federally verified social security numbers rather than tax identification numbers
- Allow County Police to partner with ICE to verify undocumented residents during any minor/major public safety infraction and if identified as undocumented, detain for deportation
- **Without the ability to legally discern citizenship and based only on estimates of County services, any and all county departments or agencies are instructed to begin expenditure reductions for discretionary services provided to illegal aliens.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that people living in the United States are subject to obey the laws of this land as established and envisioned by our forefathers.

