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RESOLUTION TO ADOPT POLICIES AND PROVIDE STAFF DIRECTION RELATING TO ILLEGAL RESIDENTS IN LINCOLN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the United States now has a population in excess of 300 million people; and

WHEREAS, the 2000 Census estimated that between 8 and 11 million illegal aliens were living in the United States at that time, with the illegal population estimated to be increasing by about one million per year; and

WHEREAS, as one of the states with the highest influx of foreign-born population, both legal and illegal, North Carolina saw a 273.7-percent increase in foreign-born population from 1990 to 2000 and an increase of 58.1 percent (from 373,000 to 590,000) in the past five years; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to some 300,000 illegal aliens, costing the State approximately \$250 million per year for education, health care, and social services, all paid for by the taxpaying citizens of the State; and

WHEREAS, like North Carolina and Lincoln County, communities throughout the nation are struggling to provide services to cope with the population explosion caused by illegal immigration; and

WHEREAS, the influx of illegals contributes to overcrowding in school classrooms, public parks, and recreational facilities; depletion of affordable housing, which was already in short supply for lower income citizens; havoc and death on our highways; increases in 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; and

WHEREAS, the increased illegal population is drastically affecting the availability of jobs and rapidly creating a negative impact on the budget of our State; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to combat the extreme financial pressure being placed on local government, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners 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 AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners establishes the following policies with respect to illegal residents and directs County staff as follows:

1. To cease and desist local funding for any local programs to the extent that they serve illegal residents.
2. To reduce expenditures on all federally funded and state-funded non-mandated programs to the extent that they serve illegal residents.
3. To discontinue contracting with any local or out-of-county businesses employing or using identifiable illegal residents where county tax dollars are being expended.
4. To request the Sheriff to diligently battle the ever-increasing criminal element which is growing daily with the influx of illegal residents and to consistently check the immigration status of each undocumented resident upon his or her arrest by such available means as fingerprints, federally verified social security numbers, and other accessible data.
5. To allow the Sheriff to partner with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials to verify undocumented residents during the investigation or processing of any public safety infraction or offense and detain for deportation any illegal residents so identified.
6. To direct all county departments and agencies, to the extent that they are able to do so with available information, to begin expenditure reductions for discretionary services provided to illegal aliens.

This 18th day of June, 2007.

LINCOLN COUNTY

By: Thomas R. Anderson
Thomas R. Anderson, P. E., Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Amy S. Atkins
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Board of Commissioners

