RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, URGING PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA AND THE 113TH CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENACT COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FIVE PRINCIPLES EMBRACED BY THE PARTNERSHIP FOR A NEW AMERICAN ECONOMY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, an estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants currently live in the United States; and

WHEREAS, recent polls indicate that a majority of Americans favor comprehensive immigration reform, including a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants living and working in the United States; and

WHEREAS, during the past decade both President George W. Bush, a Republican, and President Barack Obama, a Democrat, have supported the passage of comprehensive immigration reform; and

WHEREAS, the United States Senate approved by a vote of 62-36, a bipartisan comprehensive immigration reform bill, but thereafter the bill died in the United States House; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama and leading Republicans, including Senator Marco Rubio, have indicated strong support for passage of a comprehensive immigration bill in 2013 that includes strengthening border security, imposing penalties for employers that hire undocumented workers, and providing a pathway for undocumented immigrants already in the United States to gain citizenship; and

WHEREAS, advocates of comprehensive immigration reform include a broad range of groups across a wide spectrum of political views; and

WHEREAS, prominent business and municipal leaders throughout the country have created the organization "Partnership for a New American Economy" to advocate for sensible immigration reform; and

WHEREAS, Partnership for a New American Economy has published five principles that should be incorporated into a modern immigration system: (1) attracting and retaining the world's top innovators and entrepreneurs; (2) recruiting talented workers needed to fill gaps in high- and low- skilled sectors of the economy; (3) bringing 11 million undocumented immigrants into the legal economy so that they can pay taxes, attain better education, and contribute more to the economic growth of the United States; (4) developing a state of the arts system to ensure that immigration laws are enforced and obeyed; and (5) ensuring that the immigration system is easy to understand, easy to navigate, and easy to implement; and

WHEREAS, the timing is now opportune for the United States Congress to enact comprehensive immigration reform; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council believe that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to support a comprehensive immigration reform.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. **Recitals.** The recitals in the whereas clauses are true and correct, and incorporated into this Resolution.

Section 2. **Support.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, urge President Barack Obama and the 113th Congress of the United States to enact comprehensive immigration reform that incorporates the five principles embraced by the Partnership for a New American Economy.

Section 3. **Directions to Clerk**. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to President Barack Obama, the Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, Senator Chuck Schumer, Senator Lindsey Graham, Senator Marco Rubio, Senator Bob Menendez, Senator John McCain, Senator Richard Durbin, Senator Michael Bennett, Senator Jeff Flake, and the Secretary of the United States Department of Homeland Security.

Section 4. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a _____ vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this _____ day of March 2013.

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ANDRE D. PIERRE, ESQ.
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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REGINE M. MONESTIME
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR ANDRE D. PIERRE

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote:

Mayor Andre D. Pierre, Esq.	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor Marie Erlande Steril	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Michael R. Blynn, Esq.	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Scott Galvin	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Jean R. Marcellus	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)