RESOLUTION SUPPORTING COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM IN THE
111TH CONGRESS

WHEREAS the Coalition of Bar Associations of Color (CBAC), organized in 1983, is a
colaboration created to act as a collective voice for issues of common concern to its member
organizations; and

WHEREAS the member organizations of the Coalition of Bar Associations of Color are the
Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), the National Asian Pacific American Bar
Association (NAPABA), the National Bar Association (NBA), and the National Native
American Bar Association (NNABA); and

WHEREAS it is generally recognized that the current immigration system is broken and
requires an overhaul through fair, practical and comprehensive immigration reform;

WHEREAS it is important to secure our borders through the rule of law and not through racial
animus, hyperbole or excessive force;

WHEREAS reports by reputable institutions have shown that immigrants play a vital role in our
economy;

WHEREAS the Due Process Clause of the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution applies to
immigrants;

WHEREAS families are the source of this Nation’s social, cultural, and economic vitality, and a
fair and workable comprehensive immigration plan must be consistent with America’s tradition
of family reunification;

WHEREAS there are forty Native reservations that lie and are bifurcated by international
borders, a recognition of the needs of Native American border tribes;

WHEREAS any change in immigration law would be of significant concern to the African
American, Asian Pacific American, Latino, and Native American communities and our attorney
constituents practicing immigration law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Coalition of Bar Associations of Color
supports comprehensive immigration reform in the 111th Congress with the following key
principles: (1) protection of the integrity of our borders; (2) an earned and secure path to citizenship; (3) a priority to address the applicant backlog; (4) protection of family reunification as a cornerstone of America's immigration laws; (5) a plan for future flow of legal immigrants based on economic necessity; (6) accountability for employers who knowingly hire and exploit undocumented workers to perform cheap labor in atrocious working conditions; (7) appropriate safeguards to protect wages and working conditions for both U.S. and immigrant workers; (8) inclusion of the provisions of the DREAM Act, and an earned and secure path to citizenship for undocumented minors and others under the age of 30 who arrived in the U.S. as minors; (9) respect for due process standards focusing on humane detention practices that are cost-efficient and practical; and (10) take into consideration the needs of Native American border tribes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Coalition of Bar Associations of Color (CBAC) authorizes its officers and staff to communicate the content of this resolution to other minority bar association members, members of the U.S. Congress, the press, and to whomever else the CBAC Board deems suitable to receive the information.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of the Coalition of Bar Associations of Color until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

WE, the duly-elected Presidents of the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), the National Bar Association (NBA), and the National Native American Bar Association (NNABA), hereby certify that they foregoing Resolution was duly enacted by a duly-noticed meetings of the Board of Directors.

President, Hispanic National Bar Association

Date
Joseph J. Carter
President, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association

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5/26/10
Date

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President, National Bar Association

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President, National Native American Bar Association

26 May 2010
Date