



**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM IN THE
112TH CONGRESS**

WHEREAS the Coalition of Bar Associations of Color (CBAC), organized in 1983, is a coalition 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 immigrants play a vital role in our local, state, and national 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 any change in immigration law would be of significant concern to the African, Asian, Latino, and Native American communities and our attorney constituents practicing immigration law.

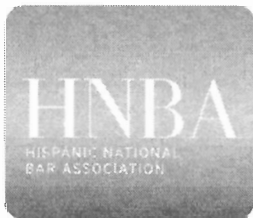
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Coalition of Bar Associations of Color supports comprehensive immigration reform in the 112th Congress with the following key principles: (1) protection of the integrity of our borders; (2) an earned and secure path to citizenship; (3) a priority to address the applicant 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; (7) appropriate safeguards to protect wages and working conditions for both U.S. and immigrant workers; (8) an earned and secure path to citizenship for undocumented minors and others who arrived in the U.S. as minors; and (9) respect for due process standards focusing on humane detention practices that are cost-efficient and practical.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the legislative priority 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.



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Diana Sen
President, Hispanic National Bar Association

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Date

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul O. Hirose", written over a horizontal line.

Paul O. Hirose
President, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association

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Date



Demetrius Shelton
President, National Bar Association

7/20/11

Date



Mary Smith
Board Member, National Native American Bar Association

7-20-11

Date