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CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 6872

A RESOLUTION of the City of Bellevue, Washington, recognizing Matricula Consular identification as legal ID for Mexican citizens.

WHEREAS, 47 cities across the nation, as well as the Mexican Consulate or El Consulado General de Mexico, issue identification cards to Mexican nationals who have a birth certificate, a proper form of Mexican identification, and who have been residing in the United States for at least six months; and

WHEREAS, the Mexican Consular identification cards, or Matricula Consular, are state-of-the-art, and contain various security safeguards designed to prevent falsification; and

WHEREAS, there are many Mexican nationals residing in Bellevue who do not possess a form of identification issued by a United State federal or state agency; and

WHEREAS, many Mexican nationals living in Bellevue do not possess a form of personal identification recognized by public agencies or private institutions; and

WHEREAS, these residents often lack access to public services such as the use of public libraries, daycare programs, youth programs, programs for senior citizens, or other services related to housing and healthcare because they do not possess the appropriate identification; and

WHEREAS, many immigrants are fearful of reporting crimes to the police because they do not possess proper identification; and

WHEREAS, if Mexican citizens possess a Matricula Consular, they are better able to establish their identities for business transactions such as check cashing and for social services such as youth programs; and

WHEREAS, if Mexican citizens possess a Matricula Consular, they are better able to establish their identities for law enforcement purposes with local peace officers; and

WHEREAS, if a Mexican citizen possesses a Matricula Consular, he or she will be more likely to report crimes and cooperate with law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, if a Mexican citizen who possesses a Matricula Consular is able to establish his or her identity to city personnel, he or she will have better access to public services;

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THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES
RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council recognizes the need for ID for Mexican
Nationals, and encourages the use of the Matricula Consular.

Section 2. The City Council of the City of Bellevue, Washington, will accept
the Mexican Consular identification card, known as the "Matricula Consular," as an
official form of identification, unless to do so would be contrary to Federal, State, or
Local laws.

Passed by the City Council this 7th day of July, 2003,
and signed in authentication of its passage this 7th day of July,
2003.

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Connie B. Marshall
Connie B. Marshall, Mayor

Attest:

Myrna L. Basich
Myrna L. Basich, City Clerk