



**BORDER LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE  
RESOLUTION NO. 2003-01**

**WHEREAS,** Border communities and regions are interdependent, with millions of people and products crossing the border each day;

**WHEREAS,** Local venues are essential for resolving complex issues that affect the population on both sides of the border;

**WHEREAS,** The economies of the U.S. and Mexico are deeply intertwined, with the United States representing the largest trade market for Mexico and Mexico rapidly becoming the largest trade partner for the United States;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Border Legislative Conference (BLC), a binational organization, representing the legislatures of all of the states from both sides of the U.S.- Mexico border, urges the federal governments of the United States and Mexico to immediately resume binational immigration discussions to achieve a mutually beneficial agenda on this important topic;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the BLC urges that both federal governments work together to assist in the creation and preservation of jobs through the development of a security manufacturing zone to protect and improve the productivity of the *maquiladora* industry in the border region and by encouraging investment in migrant-sending communities;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the BLC urges that both federal governments accelerate the safe and efficient movement of people and products through the use of intelligent transportation technologies;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the BLC urges that both federal governments work together to ensure the health and safety of all border residents and to act swiftly to prosecute illegal conduct.

Adopted this 11th day of April, 2003, at the  
BLC Meeting in Austin, Texas

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Senator Jeff Wentworth, Texas  
Border Legislative Conference, Chair

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