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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, introduced by then-Senator Joe Biden and Senator Orrin Hatch, signaled a major shift in how our country addresses domestic violence. The law focused on an organized community response, uniting services for victims, law enforcement, and courts, to protect victims and hold perpetrators accountable. The annual incidence of domestic violence has decreased by 53 percent since it was passed; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control, nearly one in four women report experiencing severe physical violence by an intimate partner, and nearly one in five women have been raped in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, one of the cornerstones of the Violence Against Women Act has been its positive impact in underserved communities where it has directed the necessary resources and law enforcement needed to reduce domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the authors of the updated law seek to improve services and for victims of violence in the LGBT, Native American, and immigrant communities; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Senator Mike Crapo and Vermont Senator Patrick Leahy have introduced Senate Bill 47, in the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, which will expand protections for women and underserved groups throughout the country:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-2014 Federal Legislative program SUPPORT for Senate Bill 47 to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

PRESENTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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