THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 8, 2024

A RESOLUTION

Supporting the concerns raised by Texas Governor Greg Abbott relating to the Federal Government's failure to enforce 2 immigration laws and protect the states, and urging the Federal Government to fulfill its duty under Article IV, 4 section 4 of the Constitution of the United States to protect 5 each state against invasion. WHEREAS, The Governor of Texas, Greg Abbott, has expressed 7 deep concern regarding the Federal Government's failure to 8 enforce immigration laws and protect the states, leading to 10 record levels of illegal immigration; and 11 WHEREAS, President Biden has been accused of violating his 12 constitutional duty to enforce Federal laws protecting states, particularly immigration laws, as outlined in the letters 13 14 delivered by Governor Abbott; and 15 WHEREAS, President Biden's actions include instructing agencies to ignore Federal statutes, suing Texas for securing 16 17 the border and wasting taxpayer dollars to open Texas's border security infrastructure, contributing to the influx of illegal 18

- 1 immigrants; and
- 2 WHEREAS, The lawless border policies under President Biden's
- 3 administration have resulted in more than 6 million illegal
- 4 immigrants crossing the southern border in just three years,
- 5 causing unprecedented harm to people across the United States;
- 6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, The Governor of Texas has invoked Article I, section
- 8 10, Clause 3 of the Constitution of the United States, declaring
- 9 an invasion and utilizing Texas's constitutional authority to
- 10 defend and protect itself; therefore be it
- 11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
- 12 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania support the concerns raised by
- 13 Texas Governor Greg Abbott relating to the Federal Government's
- 14 failure to enforce immigration laws and protect the states, and
- 15 urge the Federal Government to fulfill its duty under Article
- 16 IV, section 4 of the Constitution of the United States to
- 17 protect each state against invasion; and be it further
- 18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
- 19 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania condemn President Biden's alleged
- 20 violations of his constitutional duty to faithfully execute
- 21 immigration laws enacted by Congress and recognize the
- 22 constitutional authority of states, including Texas, to defend
- 23 and protect themselves in the face of a failure by the Federal
- 24 Government to fulfill its duties under Article IV, section 4 of
- 25 the Constitution of the United States; and be it further
- 26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
- 27 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania express solidarity with the State
- 28 of Texas in utilizing its constitutional authority to secure the
- 29 Texas border, including the deployment of the Texas National
- 30 Guard, the Texas Department of Public Safety and other Texas

- 1 personnel; and be it further
- 2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
- 3 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Federal Government to
- 4 fulfill its duty under Article IV, section 4 of the Constitution
- 5 of the United States to protect each state against invasion,
- 6 including taking necessary actions to address the challenges
- 7 posed by illegal immigration; and be it further
- 8 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
- 9 the President of the United States and the Governor of Texas.