

AN ORDINANCE **9 8 7 6 9**

**APPROVING THE CITY'S 2004 FEDERAL PROGRAM FOR THE
108TH CONGRESS – 2ND SESSION.**

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WHEREAS, preparation for the Second Session of the 108th Congress, which convened on January 20, 2004, began in November 2003 with a solicitation for federal initiative recommendations by the External Relations Department and in response recommendations were received from the Mayor and City Council, City departments, and local public agencies, such as Brooks City-Base, City Public Service, KellyUSA, San Antonio Water System (SAWS), University of Texas at San Antonio and the University of Texas Health Science Center; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations were reviewed by the City's Federal Government Affairs Team, which is comprised of staff from the External Relations Department and the City's federal lobby firm Loeffler, Jonas & Tuggey, L.L.P. and the team proposed a list of priorities to the City Council Intergovernmental Relations Committee, chaired by Councilman Julian Castro, and including councilmembers Joel Williams, Enrique Barrera, Carroll Schubert and Christopher "Chip" Haass, which, in turn, finalized and recommended adoption of the legislative program to the full City Council; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 Federal Program for the 2nd Session of the 108th Congress ("2004 Federal Program") addresses both legislative and regulatory issues, including: matters related to the funding and development of a comprehensive homeland security plan for San Antonio; obtaining an \$81 million Letter of Intent (LOI) from the Federal Aviation Administration for the San Antonio International Airport; supporting a national energy policy that promotes the increased production, supply, transportation, and conservation of domestic energy resources as well as safeguarding the interests of City Public Service; advocating initiatives that will maximize the economic value of San Antonio's current and former military bases in preparation for the 2005 Base Closure and Realignment process; obtaining a multi-year "port of entry" designation for the San Antonio International Airport; and supporting legislation and regulatory outcomes to enhance logistics/distribution and trade promotion capabilities related to the Inland Port San Antonio initiative; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 Federal Program's appropriations and grant-based initiatives focus on securing the following: \$58.5 million to carry out the objectives of the *Anti-Terrorism Plan for Bexar County and San Antonio*; \$10 million in continued federal funding for educational research and development efforts of the Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security (CIAS); \$2.5 million in federal assistance to establish the KellyUSA Material Science and Engineering Lab & Center of Excellence; \$1.7 million in direct funding to the SAWS to upgrade security infrastructure and develop security and threat assessment training for its employees; significant funding increases in federal surface transportation programs through the

reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century; \$2.8 million in continued federal funding to support the preparation of a building at Brooks City-Base and the educational research that will help prepare the city, state, and country for a possible bio-terrorism attack; and continued federal appropriations to support the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) involvement in the ecosystem restoration and recreation components of the San Antonio River Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a floor amendment made by Councilman Enrique Barrera during the January 29, 2004 City Council meeting, an endorsement concerning the U. S. Visit Program was reclassified as an initiative, indicating that the City of San Antonio will take active steps to achieve enactment of the related legislation; and

WHEREAS, the City's federal lobby firm of Loeffler, Jonas & Tuggey, L.L.P. will play a lead role in representing, advising and consulting on behalf of the City and the City will continue to work closely with the National League of Cities on a variety of municipal issues pending before Congress and the Administration; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The 2004 Federal Program for the Second Session of the 108th Congress is hereby authorized and approved. A copy of said 2004 Federal Program is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment I.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective on and after the tenth day after passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 29th day of January, 2004.


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ATTEST: 
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 
for City Attorney