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OFFICE OF THE
MAYOR
CITY OF SAN LUIS

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 793

AZ BORDER SECURITY 2008

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE MARIPOSA PORT OF ENTRY FROM THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S PROPOSED ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE

WHEREAS, Arizona's ports of entry are critical components of national economic and physical security; and

WHEREAS, the Mariposa port of entry is the busiest commercial port in Arizona, completed in 1976, and has exceeded its planned capacity; and

WHEREAS, the federal government named improving border infrastructure a top priority to maintain national security yet left out \$175 million of FY09 funding for urgent infrastructure improvements at Mariposa; and

WHEREAS, commercial traffic through the ports of entry has grown by 17 percent in Arizona (over 55,000 more trucks) from 2002-2007 and is expected to triple over the next 15 to 20 years; and

WHEREAS, every \$1 billion earned in trade through Arizona's ports of entry, including Mariposa, creates 14,000 jobs strengthening both the Arizona and U.S. economy; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Nogales Santa Cruz County Port Authority estimates that the Mariposa port of entry imports 4 billion pounds of fresh produce each season, estimated at \$2 billion in trade annually, and makes up 47 percent of all fresh winter produce in the U.S. economy; and

WHEREAS, the Mariposa port of entry handles approximately \$20 billion of maquiladora goods annually, and

WHEREAS, Arizona is committed to working with local, state and federal partners in both the United States and Mexico in implementing a plan, to at a minimum double the throughput capacity at all of Arizona's major ports of entry, including the Mariposa port of entry as well as the San Luis I and San Luis II ports of entry; and

WHEREAS, a proposed federal economic stimulus package is intended to provide funding for infrastructural projects in areas that are in dire need of repairs and improvements to sustain the state's economy during the current downward economic cycle and stimulate development and investment in the Arizona border region;

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THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City San Luis supports the state of Arizona's efforts in securing \$175 million in federal money to be directed towards improving the Mariposa port of entry through the proposed federal economic stimulus package.
