

RESOLUTION NO 2198

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD
IN SUPPORT OF AB-1544 RELATIVE TO IMPROVED
ENFORCEMENT OF STATE LABOR LAWS IN
THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Soledad feels the the working conditions for farmworkers have worsened in the past decade; and

WHEREAS, the enforcement effort by the State's Department of Industrial Relations has been ineffective in attacking the root causes of such abuses, and

WHEREAS, the failure to enforce employment standards laws in agriculture has resulted in some growers and farm labor contractors engaging in wage, tax and other violations of state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, adequate enforcement would alleviate the substandard conditions in the industry; and

WHEREAS, increased enforcement efforts should be exclusively targeted against the minority of the state's 80,000 farmers and 5,000 farm labor contractors who make a practice of violating employment standard laws, and

WHEREAS, an improved enforcement effort would entail locating permanent, year-round offices throughout rural California, with bilingual investigators, auditors and lawyers staffing those units, and


WHEREAS, permanent, year-round agricultural enforcement units should be created within the Department of Industrial Relations' Bureau of Field Enforcement, and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has passed AB-1544, a measure to create an Agricultural Enforcement Unit along these lines, and which is on the Governor's desk awaiting action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Soledad that it respectfully requests the Governor of the State of California to sign AB-1544 into law, and be it further RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted to the Governor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Soledad at a regular meeting duly held on the 28th day of September, 1992, by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Councilmembers: Fabian Barrera, Ben Jimenez, Jr., Fred Ledesma, Mayor Pro Tem John Holguin, Mayor Joe Ledesma
NOES, Councilmembers: None
ABSENT, Councilmembers: None


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD

ATTEST.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD