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RESOLUTION NO. RES-05-0028

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF THE PASSAGE OF THE GANG PREVENTION AND EFFECTIVE DETERRENCE ACT (S-155) BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS

WHEREAS, the activities of criminal street gangs devastate communities, impede economic development and commerce and have a tremendous human cost;

WHEREAS, criminal street gangs feed on a recruitment stream of youngsters, who often take on the most violent roles in such gangs;

WHEREAS, curtailing criminal street gang violence is of major importance to the people of the City of Long Beach;

WHEREAS, United States Senators Diane Feinstein (California) and Orrin Hatch (Utah) have submitted legislation known as the Gang Prevention and Effective Deterrence Act (S-155) to the U.S. Congress;

WHEREAS, said legislation is intended to create a set of federal criminal provisions which will allow authorities to more effectively prosecute gang members and which will provide authorization to fund prevention programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1. The City of Long Beach supports the passage of the Gang Prevention and Effective Deterrence Act (S-155).

Sec. 2. The City Clerk shall forward copies of this resolution to the Legislative Offices of Senators Diane Feinstein and Orrin Hatch, respectively.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify to the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of ______, 2005, by the following vote: Councilmembers: Lowenthal, Baker, Colonna, O'Donnell, Ayes: Kell, Richardson, Reyes Uranga, Gabelich, Lerch. Councilmembers: Noes: None. Absent: Councilmembers: None.

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