RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, V-Day, celebrated around the world, is dedicated to focusing international attention on the murders of girls and women in Ciudad Juarez, and

WHEREAS, over 300 girls and women have been murdered in Juarez over the last 10 years, one third of them raped and mutilated before death, and several of them El Pasoans, and

WHEREAS, interpersonal and street violence is problematic in Juarez for both men and women, with the most recent example being backyard burials in early 2004, and

WHEREAS, disappearances of people are also problematic in Juarez, affecting El Pasoans, their relatives and friends, and

WHEREAS, worldwide, women face special safety threats in their homes and on the streets, whether from domestic violence, rape, and/or serial killers, with an average of 2,400 domestic violence calls per month reported to the police in El Paso,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT the El Paso City Council proclaims its horror and outrage at the violence, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

THAT the El Paso City Council supports binational cooperation to call attention to the problems and encourages work towards binational solutions, including recognition of human rights.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of February, 2004.

CITY OF EL PASO

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Mayor

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