



State Agriculture and Rural Leaders

2013-8 Resolution on Agricultural Labor and Immigration Reform

Passed June 9, 2013

- Whereas,** the State Ag and Rural Leaders, (SARL) is comprised of agriculture and rural leaders of state and provincial legislative bodies from the US and Canada; and
- Whereas,** agriculture and it's production of food, fiber and energy is essential to our national security; and
- Whereas,** the agriculture industry in the U.S. is suffering a serious labor crisis that threatens domestic food production; and
- Whereas,** the existing H-2A visa program has been demonstrated to be inadequate to address the needs of American farmers and ranchers; and
- Whereas,** immigration policy and regulation are primarily federal responsibilities; and
- Whereas,** an efficient and modern agricultural visa program will contribute to the essential goal of secure, well managed borders; now therefore be it
- Resolved,** that SARL urges the U.S. Congress in this session, to pass comprehensive immigration reform that fully addresses the agricultural labor crisis; and be it further
- Resolved,** that this resolution be submitted to members of the United States Congress.