WHEREAS, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) has not been updated by the United States, Mexico or Canada since it entered into force on January 1, 1994, and does not address 21st Century issues such as digital trade, e-commerce, and stronger intellectual property rights; and

WHEREAS, the U.S.–Mexico–Canada Agreement (USMCA) would modernize trade rules among the North American region; and

WHEREAS, USMCA’s digital trade chapter ensures data can be transferred cross-border and minimizes limits on where data can be stored; and

WHEREAS, USMCA provides strong protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights; and

WHEREAS, Mexican workers will benefit from USMCA’s new labor provisions, which include labor reforms already underway in Mexico for ensuring workers’ right to collective bargaining; and

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WHEREAS, American farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness will also benefit from USMCA provisions that provide more fair market access in the North American region; and

WHEREAS, USMCA would benefit North American workers and businesses, protect innovation, and rebalance trade among the trilateral partners; and

WHEREAS, Canada and Mexico remain the United States’ top trading partners and consequently local economies are closely intertwined and American jobs dependent on trilateral trade; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Government lifted duties on steel and aluminum for Canada and Mexico in May, eliminating a hurdle for USMCA approval in each country,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The U.S.–Mexico Border Mayors Association urges the 116th U.S. Congress to vote on the USMCA deal in 2019.

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