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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2003-2**

**TO: ALL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, DEPARTMENT  
DIRECTORS, CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE CITY  
CLERK**

**SUBJECT: MATRICULA CONSULAR IDENTIFICATION CARDS  
RECOGNITION AS PROPER IDENTIFICATION**

**DATE: MAY 1, 2003**

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by the 1963 Michigan Constitution, and by the 1997 Detroit City Charter, I, Kwame M. Kilpatrick, Mayor of the City of Detroit, do hereby designate the "Matricula Consular" card, issued by the Mexican Consulate, as a valid form of identification for use by Mexican nationals when conducting business of any kind with those departments, programs, and services selected by the Mayor.

Because of the growing Mexican/Mexican-American population in the City of Detroit, it is in the public interest to permit the Matricula Consular card to be used as a form of identification in dealings between the public and City government.

The "Matricula Consular" card is a form of consular identification issued by the government of Mexico to its nationals living abroad upon presentation of an original birth certificate or other official identification. The Matricula Consular consists of a photographic identification card displaying the bearer's full name, date of birth, and U.S. address, and is valid for five (5) years.

Approximately fifty cities across the nation, including several Michigan cities accept the Matricula Consular cards as a form of identification. The State of Michigan currently accepts the Matricula Consular as a secondary form of identification for purposes of obtaining a driver's license. The acceptance of the Matricula Consular identification by City Departments will greatly facilitate contact between bearers of the card, and City agencies, including the Police Department.

**Restrictions on the use of the Matricula Consular card:**

The Matricula Consular card is not suitable for identification purposes where:

- 1) A federal or state statute, or administrative regulation or directive, or court decision requires the City to obtain other or different identification; or
- 2) A federal or state statute, or administrative regulation or directive, preempts local regulation of identification requirements, or the City would be unable to comply with a condition imposed by a funding source, and thereby cause the City to lose funding from that source.

**This Executive Order 2003 does not prohibit the City from:**

- 1) Asking for additional information from individual in order to verify a current address or other facts that would enable a City department or agency to fulfill its responsibilities, except that such additional information shall not be requested solely in order to identify that person; and
- 2) Using fingerprints for identification purposes under circumstances where a City department or agency also requires fingerprints from persons who have a Michigan driver's license or State of Michigan Identification card.

**Effective date:**

This Executive Order 2003-2 is effective this date.

  
Kwame M. Kilpatrick  
Mayor