

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The Department of War currently has over 100,000 military noncitizen veterans and 45,000 active noncitizen soldiers across all military branches; and,

WHEREAS, Under the Biden Administration, Executive Order stated: “U.S. Military Service. Includes service in the National Guard or the active or reserve component(s) of the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or Space Force. Service can be for any length of time but must be more than just for training,” as well as “Naturalization Eligibility. Officers and agents should generally not initiate removal proceedings against noncitizens who are statutorily eligible for naturalization as a result of their military service pursuant to sections 328 or 329 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), absent significant aggravating factors being present in the case;” and,

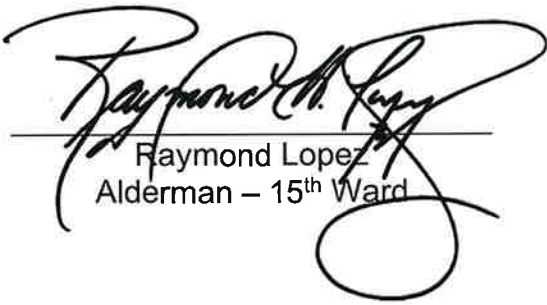
WHEREAS, Under the second Trump Administration, Executive Order 14012 states: “ICE personnel must ensure cases involving aliens with U.S. military service are properly handled. This includes ensuring consistent implementation of existing policies and procedures, identifying and documenting information related to aliens with U.S. military service, as well as collecting and maintaining complete data on aliens with U.S. military service who are in removal proceedings or who have been removed. Effective immediately, it is ICE policy that: • The alien bears the burden of proof regarding U.S. military service; however, ICE personnel must proactively ask all aliens during intake interviews whether they have U.S. military service. • ICE personnel must investigate an alien's claim of U.S. military service and continue to use the "U.S. Military Service Checklist" to document the alien's biographical information, military service details, family and community ties, criminal and immigration history, and potentially available relief or naturalization eligibility. • If an alien's U.S. military service has been verified, ICE personnel must consider whether the alien appears statutorily eligible for naturalization based upon his or her U.S. military service, pursuant to sections 328 or 329 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA);” and,

WHEREAS, Soldiers often struggle with PTSD following their military service, often leading to struggles with family, work or addiction that may take them down a criminal past without the same access to safeguards that provide the help necessary support and may face deportation because of these transgressions; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this _____ Day of _____, 2025, call on President Donald Trump to revisit Executive Order 14012 in order to ensure those that join military service to these United States of America should be granted an immediate path to citizenship after their service is completed; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, that the Committee on Immigration & Refugee Rights hold hearings, welcoming all noncitizen veterans in Chicago to share their story of patriotism and dedication to a country that, for all intents and purposes, belongs to them as well; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, that a suitable copy of this resolution be sent to President Donald Trump.



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