

RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE STATE OF ILLINOIS TO PROHIBIT FEDERAL AGENTS FROM CONCEALING THEIR IDENTITY AND REQUIRING THEM TO PRESENT IDENTIFICATION AND AGENCY-IDENTIFYING INSIGNIA.

WHEREAS, in 2012, the City of Chicago adopted the Welcoming City Ordinance to limit local involvement in federal immigration enforcement and to ensure that all residents, regardless of immigration status, can live without fear and with access to essential city services; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the State of Illinois affirmed its status as a welcoming state by enacting the TRUST Act, ensuring that all residents can live with safety and dignity; and

WHEREAS, over the last few months masked federal agents have been raiding Chicagoans' homes and places of business and abducting our residents without warrants; and

WHEREAS, recent reports indicate that agents have carried out arrests while wearing plain clothes and failing to clearly identify themselves as law enforcement, raising serious concerns about accountability and due process; and

WHEREAS, the abduction of Illinois residents by unnamed masked agents corrodes trust between the community and our local government; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the relationship between law enforcement and our community improve and; and

WHEREAS, the actions of federal law enforcement are deeply damaging to our community and the trust built between law enforcement and the people of Illinois, and;

WHEREAS, Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul along with 20 other attorneys general sent a letter asking for legislation prohibiting agents from wearing masks that conceal their identity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, do hereby call on the State of Illinois Assembly to pass legislation that prohibits federal agents conducting arrests from wearing masks and requiring them to wear appropriate uniforms, and present identification when conducting arrests.

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