

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The public has a right to know the full extent of criminal activity and the identities of individuals involved in the crimes committed by Jeffrey Epstein and his associates; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Epstein's arrest, subsequent death, and the surrounding investigations have raised serious questions regarding the individuals, institutions, and systems that enabled his years of abuse and exploitation; and

WHEREAS, Transparency is a cornerstone of justice and democracy, and withholding or redacting information about such crimes undermines public trust in the institutions charged with protecting citizens and upholding the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, Many government entities and officials have called for the release of Epstein-related files, yet much of the information remains sealed, classified, or otherwise inaccessible to the public; and

WHEREAS, The authority to release or declassify these files lies mainly with the President of the United States and the federal agencies that hold them; and

WHEREAS, If any lawmakers, elected officials, or public figures are compromised by coercion or blackmail due to their association with Jeffrey Epstein or his network, the public has a right to know; and

WHEREAS, The release of all unredacted Epstein files would help restore public confidence, promote transparency, and show that no one—regardless of political position, wealth, or influence—is above the law; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, that we, the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, call upon President Donald J. Trump, along with the U.S. Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and all other relevant federal agencies, to use their authority to release all unredacted files and communications related to Jeffrey Epstein and his associates; and

BE IT FURTHER NOTED, That while the President has the power to order such a release, agencies must still carry out that process in accordance with federal law and may be limited by national security or privacy protections; however, the City Council urges full transparency to the greatest extent possible; and

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


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