

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, After years of inconsistent immigration enforcement, federal loopholes, and carveouts created an inconsistent immigration policy during the 1980's, the noncitizen population of the United States grew to nearly five million people; and,

WHEREAS, President Ronald Reagan led a bipartisan effort to grant amnesty and pathways towards citizenship for nearly three million people after signing the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986; and,

WHEREAS, The United States of America finds itself again struggling to address poorly enforced immigration laws that offer no clear, consistent and cohesive pathway for individuals without legal authorization to be in the United States of America, including the 1.1 million Dreamers, formally known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals; and,

WHEREAS, Notwithstanding the actions of the Biden/Harris Administration, millions of individuals have been left without viable options for becoming legal residents or citizens of these United States of America; and,

WHEREAS, The Trump Administration has made it a priority, both in campaigns and in governance, to "secure our border," stated to the New York Times on December 9, 2024 "We have to do something about the Dreamers because these are people that have been brought here at a very young age;" and,

WHEREAS, The Department of Homeland Security has been working to enforce the nation's immigration laws with inconsistent and sporadic success, often times clashing with protestors and advocates, often using the collateral captures of non-dangerous noncitizens as a pretext for civil disobedience; and,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, That we, the Members of the City Council, call upon President Donald Trump to use his the legal authority granted in the United States Constitution to grant pardons to any non-dangerous, non-criminal noncitizens without any legal status within the United States of America, including those that have come to, lived in, or were brought to this country without proper authorization; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, Call upon President Donald Trump to lead a bipartisan effort in the United States Congress to grant amnesty and pathways for citizenship to all that qualified for his pardon; 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 Trump, Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem, and the Members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.



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