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CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT
MAYOR

May 9, 2023

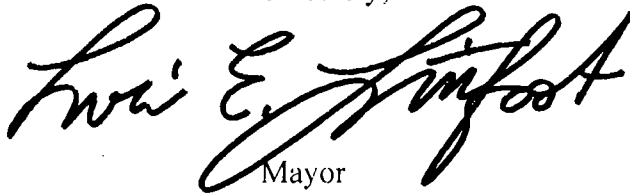
Anna Valencia
City Clerk
Room 107, City Hall
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Ms. Valencia:

I transmit herewith for filing Emergency Executive Order No. 2023-2, which I have signed this date.

Your prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,


Mayor

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**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO**

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT
MAYOR

EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2023-2

WHEREAS, Beginning on August 31, 2022, with virtually no notice, the City of Chicago began to receive buses sent by the State of Texas, transporting individuals and families from Central and South America seeking asylum in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Since that time, asylum seekers have continued to flow into Chicago by various means, including on airplanes, by bus and on foot; and

WHEREAS, While the government of the City of Chicago has worked tirelessly to welcome and accommodate arriving migrants, the situation has become increasingly untenable; and

WHEREAS, Because of a shortage of available space, existing facilities are full, newly created facilities are full, and hundreds of migrants are now temporarily sheltering in police stations; and

WHEREAS, The City has learned that the flood of migrants into Chicago will not only continue unabated but will increase, with a resumption of bus arrivals starting on May 9; and

WHEREAS, With the City's resources now stretched to the breaking point, extraordinary measures are necessary; and

WHEREAS, Both Illinois law (65 ILCS 5/11-1-6) and the City of Chicago's Municipal Code (Section 2-4-110) vest the Mayor with the power and authority to declare and respond to a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary and appropriate for the Mayor to exercise authority set forth in this Order and take all such steps and direct all such further actions as are needed to address this emergency; now, therefore,

I, LORI E. LIGHTFOOT, Mayor of the City of Chicago, do hereby order as follows:

SECTION 1. The above "WHEREAS" clauses are incorporated into and made an integral part of this Order.

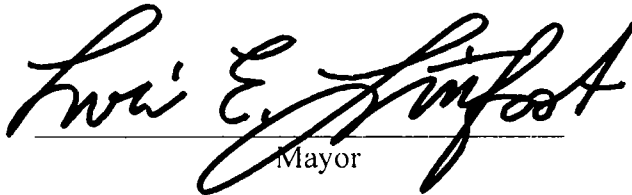
SECTION 2. I declare that a state of emergency exists in the City of Chicago as a result of the migrant inflow described above exceeding the City's ability to manage that inflow.

SECTION 3. I reserve the authority to request the Governor of the State of Illinois to mobilize the National Guard to provide staffing and logistical support to address this emergency in the City of Chicago.

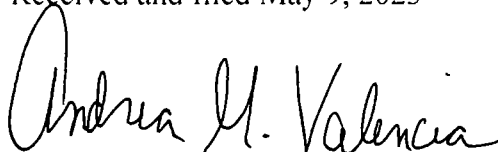
SECTION 4. The Chief Procurement Officer is directed to exercise the emergency purchasing authority set forth in Section 2-92-644 of the Municipal Code, in addition to all other available procurement pathways, to the maximum extent feasible to address this declared emergency.

All City Department Heads are directed to undertake whatever efforts are feasible pursuant to their powers and duties, and to direct their employees accordingly, to manage this declared emergency.

SECTION 5. This Order shall take effect upon its execution and filing with the City Clerk.


Mayor

Received and filed May 9, 2023


City Clerk

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