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DACA and DAPA programs

Committee(s) Assignment: Committee on Human Relations

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago remains committed to its status as a Sanctuary City, ensuring protection for immigrant communities, and upholding the principles of equality for all; and

WHEREAS, Military service has historically entitled servicemen to naturalization, however, according the ACLU, many of these dedicated veterans and their families have been deported despite serving their country and a promise of U.S. citizenship; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, President Obama announced the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, an immigration policy ensuring that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) would not deport immigrants who were brought as children into the United States; have lived their lives here; were in school or had graduated, or served in the military; and have never committed any serious crimes; and

WHEREAS, More than a million undocumented immigrants qualified for DACA; and

WHEREAS, According to DHS, more than 740,000 people have enrolled in DACA, and are depending on the program to remain in the country; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, the DACA program was expanded to create Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA), ensuring that DHS would not deport undocumented immigrants who are parents of American citizens or lawful permanent residents, and meet certain other criteria, including continuous residence in the United States and a clean criminal record.

WHEREAS, DAPA could help as many as 4 million people and was planned to be implemented in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Twenty-six states and lawmakers throughout the country are currently seeking to permanently block implementation of DAPA and repeal DACA, putting as many as five million immigrants at risk of deportation; and

WHEREAS, A repeal of DACA and a failure to implement DAPA would be a costly to all Americans, particularly immigrants and refugees that have made the United States their home; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago denounce the practice of deporting military veterans and hereby announce our strong support of the DACA and DAPA program and strongly urge the Illinois General Assembly, United States Congress, and President to follow suit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago affirm the Chicago's promise to protect rights of all residents regardless of immigration status, race, ethnicity, country of origin, sexual orientation and gender.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to the Illinois General Assembly, each member of the U.S. Congressional delegation from Illinois, the Department of Homeland Security, and President Trump.

Alderman Daniel Solis, 25th Ward

Alderman Gilbert Villegas, 36th Ward

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