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**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR EMERGENCY FUND TO ADDRESS THE CITIZENSHIP
QUESTION IN THE 2020 CENSUS**

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is firm in its status as a Welcoming City, providing a home to all individuals regardless of their place of birth; and

WHEREAS, the upcoming 2020 Census poses difficult challenges that inhibit accurate counts of the United States population; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution requires a Census be enumerated at least once every ten years to determine the make up of the House of Representatives and determine how over \$400 billion of resources are allocated annually; and,

WHEREAS, the residents of Illinois, Cook County and the City of Chicago are Constitutionally guaranteed their fair share of those 435 seats in the House of Representatives and \$400 billion to be determined by the results of the 2020 Census; and,

WHEREAS, Trump's reduction in field staff, directors, and the increasing use of technology for the first time will pose problems for the 2020 Census and all Chicagoans; and,

WHEREAS, immigrants of all ethnicities are among the hard-to-count populations that have experienced an undercount in the past; and,

WHEREAS, the state of Illinois experienced undercounts of 100,000 people in 2000 and 128,000 in 2010, reducing federal funding for programs like Medicaid, SNAP, CHIP, and foster/child care by \$5 billion; and,

WHEREAS, undercounting could have lasting and reverberating impacts, from overcrowded classrooms, to fewer Head Start programs, and uninsured children and understaffed emergency services; and,

WHEREAS, low income communities will be impacted harder due to undercounting of residents in Chicago; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Chicago cannot and will not have their Constitutionally guaranteed resources stolen from them again by the Trump Administration or a poorly prepared 2020 Census; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an Emergency Fund will be established to conduct specialized outreach to immigrant communities in the City of Chicago; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a minimum of \$500,000.00 be allocated for this fund to ensure every Chicagoan be counted fairly and accurately in the 2020 Census.

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