



The City of Minneapolis

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

**By Cano, Reich, Gordon, Frey, B. Johnson, Yang, Warsame, Goodman,
Glidden, Bender, Quincy, A. Johnson, Palmisano**

Supporting the Implementation of President Obama's Executive Action on Immigration.

Whereas, the United States is a nation of immigrants and home to 11.5 million undocumented residents who contribute to our economy and enrich our social fabric; and

Whereas, over ten years ago the immigrant community emerged from the shadows and into the streets alongside organizers, faith leaders, and workers' rights groups to launch the Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride, mobilizing thousands of people across the country to bring attention to our broken immigration system; and

Whereas, on April 9, 2006, more than 40,000 Minnesotans marched with the Alliance for Fair and Federal Immigration Reform of Minnesota demanding fair and humane immigration reform in the largest immigrant rights march in our state's history; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis values the role undocumented immigrants play in revitalizing our community through their entrepreneurial spirit, creativity, buying of homes, educating their children in our schools, and paying taxes; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis has consistently supported comprehensive reform of our immigration system by advocating for policy change at the state and federal levels, and by devoting staff resources to effectively implement Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, and to assist in the passage of the Minnesota Dream Act; and

Whereas, in June 2014, the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office announced that they would no longer honor requests from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to detain immigrants for longer than 48 hours without a court order; and

Whereas, on November 20 President Barack Obama announced executive actions that provide immediate protection from deportation and work authorization to long-term, law-abiding residents who are the parents of U.S. citizens; and

Whereas, this policy change will impact four million immigrant people throughout the country, an estimated 30,000 residents in Minnesota, and a significant portion of Minneapolis' 40,000 Latino families and 56,000 foreign born residents; and

Whereas, while these actions represent an important step forward, we acknowledge they provide no permanent relief for millions of hard-working people living in our country and exclude tens of thousands of residents in Minneapolis and Minnesota; and

Whereas, we vow to continue to advocate for fair and humane federal immigration reform that provides the enduring dignity and respect that all people deserve.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the City of Minneapolis fully supports the President’s historic executive actions on immigration and commits to helping Minneapolis families and residents by directing our Intergovernmental Relations Department to convene a workgroup focused on engaging the various departments of our City government, our community partners, philanthropic organizations, and other jurisdictions to achieve a successful and swift implementation of this policy change.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, support for the President’s executive action be included in the City’s Federal Policy Agenda along with support for comprehensive immigration reform that “fixes the broken system”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Clerk is directed to send this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the Honorable Member of the 113th Congress representing the City of Minneapolis.

Passed, December 12, 2014

Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Carl, City Clerk