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A RESOLUTION

Supporting Immigration Reform

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston, is a member of the Northwest Municipal Conference ("NWMC"), a corporate organization representing municipalities and townships chartered within the State of Illinois and Counties of Cook, DuPage, Lake, Kane, and McHenry; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 10 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and Chapter 5, Act 220, paragraphs 1 through 8, of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, authorize intergovernmental association and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the public officials of the NWMC represent forty-four (44) local governmental bodies and a population of over 1.3 million residents; and

WHEREAS, the NWMC established the NWMC Immigrant Interaction Committee in 2010 to address the integration of the immigrant population in the north/northwest suburbs of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, the NWMC Immigrant Interaction Committee recommends this model resolution for consideration by members of the NWMC; and

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston recognizes that the immigration system in the United States is in need of meaningful reform; and

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston urges the United States Congress to pass comprehensive legislation to reform the country's immigration system,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:**

SECTION 1: The City of Evanston supports immigration reform that: provides a clear and earned path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants; clears immigration backlogs; addresses the current labor market needs and improves state and local economic competitiveness; provides for effective employment verification; promotes immigrant interaction; and enhances national security and safety with a sensible enforcement policy.

SECTION 2: Copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of Congress elected from the State of Illinois.


Elizabeth B. Tisdahl, Mayor

Attest:


Rodney Greene, City Clerk

Adopted: May 13, 2013