

RESOLUTION NO. R-2013-108

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, URGING THE CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS DELEGATION AND THE 113TH CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENACT COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, millions of undocumented immigrants currently live in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of the City of North Miami has been a vocal advocate for comprehensive immigration reform as unresolved legal and immigration issues disproportionately impact the residents of the City, including Haitian, Hispanic and other immigrants; and

WHEREAS, the Congressional Black Caucus, which was formed to represent people of color and vulnerable communities in the U.S. legislature, is holding its annual conference on legislative and policy issues in September 2013; and

WHEREAS, since the approval of the bill, formally titled "The Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act", which passed in the Senate in June 2013, advocacy groups nationwide have been strongly pushing for the passage of an immigration reform bill in the United States House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, Congresswoman Marcia Fudge, has stated that the "promise of the American Dream is what brings people from all corners of the world to this nation. But for the millions of undocumented immigrants of Hispanic, Asian and African descent living in America today, the American Dream is just a promise, a promise they hope their children may one day realize"; and

WHEREAS, a fair comprehensive immigration reform bill will: (1) attract and retain the world's top innovators and entrepreneurs; (2) recruit talented workers needed to fill gaps in high- and low-skilled sectors of the economy; (3) bring undocumented immigrants into the legal economy so that they can pay taxes, attain better education, and contribute more to the economic growth of the United States; (4) develop a state of the arts system to ensure that immigration

laws are enforced and obeyed; and (5) ensure that the immigration system is easy to understand, easy to navigate, and easy to implement; and

WHEREAS, family reunification and immigration relief for young immigrants is humane and must be a necessary component of immigration reform; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami strongly urges the Congressional Black Caucus to advocate for the passage of a fair immigration reform bill in the United States House of Representatives.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

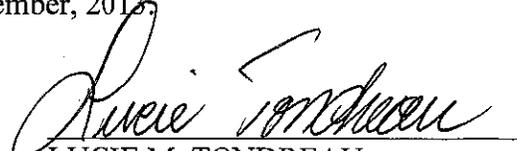
Section 1. Recitals. The recitals in the whereas clauses are true and correct, and incorporated into this Resolution.

Section 2. Support. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, urges the members of the Congressional Black Caucus to strongly support and enact fair comprehensive immigration reform.

Section 3. Directions to Clerk. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to President Barack Obama, the Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, Congressional Black Caucus Chair Congresswoman Marcia Fudge (OH-11), and the Black Caucus Delegation.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

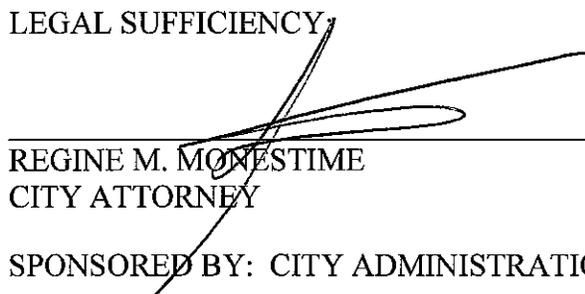
PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5-0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 10 day of September, 2013.


LUCIE M. TONDREAU
MAYOR

ATTEST:


MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



REGINE M. MONESTIME
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Vice Mayor Galvin

Seconded by: Mayor Tondreau

Vote:

Mayor Lucie M. Tondreau	<u> x </u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Vice Mayor Scott Galvin	<u> x </u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilperson Carol Keys, Esq.	<u> x </u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilperson Philippe Bien-Aime	<u> x </u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilperson Marie Erlande Steril	<u> x </u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)