

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SUBJECT MATTER HEARING ON THE EFFECTS OF
CLIMATE CHANGE ON MIGRATION TO CHICAGO**

WHEREAS, climate change is a pressing global issue that poses significant threats to ecosystems, communities, and economies worldwide and the effects of climate change are increasingly evident through rising global temperatures, extreme weather events, sea-level rise, and disruptions to ecosystems, exacerbating existing vulnerabilities and inequalities; and

WHEREAS, one of the significant consequences of climate change is the world-wide alteration of migration patterns, as individuals and communities are forced to relocate due to environmental pressures such as drought, flooding, sea-level rise, and other climate-related disasters; and

WHEREAS, climate-induced migration has profound implications for urban areas like Chicago, where an influx of climate migrants without adequate planning and funding can strain resources, exacerbate housing affordability challenges, and contribute to social tensions; and

WHEREAS, Chicago, as a major metropolitan area, must be prepared to address the potential influx of climate migrants by implementing comprehensive policies and strategies that prioritize equity and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, enhancing data collection and analysis to understanding climate migration in Chicago is crucial for informed decision-making and effective resource allocation to support vulnerable populations and mitigate the impacts of climate change on the city;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Chicago hereby acknowledges the urgent need to understand climate change and its impacts on migration patterns, both globally and within our city; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council affirms its commitment to the human-created frontline-communities already in Chicago in all efforts related to climate change adaptation and mitigation, ensuring that front-line communities in Chicago already disproportionately affected by environmental injustice are prioritized and included in decision-making processes and resource allocation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council commits to working with relevant stakeholders, including community organizations, research institutions, and governmental agencies, to develop and implement strategies for mitigating and adapting to climate change-induced migration in Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council calls for a subject matter hearing to further explore and address the implications of climate change-induced migration on Chicago and its residents, inviting experts, advocacy groups, and community members to provide insights and recommendations for effective investigative measures potentially including but not limited to: the establishment of a task force or working group dedicated to conducting research and providing recommendations for policy development and implementation of support initiatives aimed at assisting climate migrants, including affordable housing programs, job training, healthcare services, and community resilience projects; and/or that the City Council directs the Mayor's Office and relevant city agencies including the Department of Environment to incorporate climate migration considerations into the city's long-term planning processes, including land use, infrastructure development, and emergency preparedness.

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