

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, In 2023, approximately 300,000 Ecuadorian citizens fled their homeland because of rising crime and dueling Mexican and Columbian drug cartel activity, with a daily average for violent deaths at 44.9 per 100,000 persons according to the United Nations Office of Drugs and Organized Crime; and,

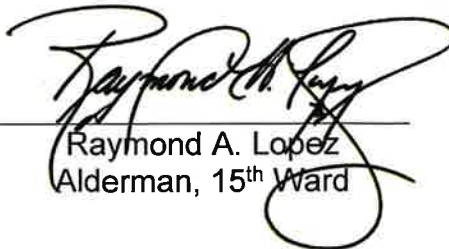
**WHEREAS**, The City of Chicago has welcomed Ecuadorian immigrants for generations, becoming the fourth top location for Ecuadorians following cities in the State of New York, living in the Logan Square, Uptown, Irving Park, Belmont Cragin, Mayfair, Humboldt Park and Albany Park communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, The migration of Ecuadorians have come in waves over the last several decades, with their populations growing exponentially every decade, becoming more and more embedded into the fabric of this most American of American cities; and,

**WHEREAS**, The current border crisis has exposed a fundamental injustice and bias towards Ecuador and its people, all who are ineligible for the Department of Homeland Security Temporary Protective Status as afforded to other Central and South American countries ravaged by drug cartels, political despots, or military tyrants; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO**, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2024, call upon President Joseph Biden to immediately direct the Secretary of Homeland Security, Alejandro Mayorkas, to work with the Ecuadorian Ministry of Foreign Affair and Human Mobility to process any request for Temporary Protective Status to Ecuadorian citizens migrating to avoid the violence and mayhem caused by the drug cartels and its allies in Ecuador; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO**, That the City of Chicago calls upon its congressional delegation to support this resolution and pursue legislation to make this request possible for the Ecuadorians deserving of our help and support.

  
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