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## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, While student enrollment in higher education has increased among other minority groups throughout Illinois, Black student enrollment is steadily declining; and

**WHEREAS**, Since 2013, many institutions of higher education have experienced severe declines in Black student enrollment, with a nearly 40% decline in Illinois and a nearly 18% decline nationally; and

**WHEREAS**, At Illinois' flagship university – the University of Illinois – Black student enrollment has declined annually since 1997, and the current number of Black students is at an all-time low; and

**WHEREAS**, False anti-education propaganda has effectively infiltrated the Black community, masking the benefits of higher education for developing young minds, fostering friendships and professional networks, and providing critical skills and information; and

**WHEREAS**, Communities that have high levels of residents with some college experience and higher education completion enjoy higher average household incomes, lower unemployment rates, stronger homeownership levels, reduced crime rates, and more overall community stability; and

**WHEREAS**, Many Black communities in the City suffer from low average incomes, low homeownership levels, high crime rates, and higher levels of community instability; the current trend of declining Black student enrollment will exacerbate the current challenging situation and eventually decimate the Black community; and

**WHEREAS**, Job opportunities that could reverse these trends, including in technology, the medical field, and other industries continue to go unfilled while affordable training and education for those careers are available; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, declare a Black student enrollment crisis until higher education institutions reach a suitable number of Black enrolled students; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That we urge all institutions of higher education in Illinois, especially those located within Chicago, to immediately establish an office or department with ample personnel to specifically and aggressively work to increase Black student recruitment, enrollment, and scholarship opportunities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That we urge the Illinois General Assembly and the Illinois Governor to direct funds toward emergency enrollment outreach and completion programs for Black student enrollment increases at Illinois higher education institutions.



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LAMONT J. ROBINSON  
Alderman, 4th Ward

The following legislation is being introduced by Alderman Lamont J. Robinson regarding the Black Student Crisis and will be co-sponsored by the following.

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Alderman Ward 2

**Alderman Pat Dowell**

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Alderman Ward 3

**Alderman Lamont J. Robinson**

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Alderman Ward 4

**Alderman Desmon Yancy**

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Alderman Ward 5

**Alderman William Hall**

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Alderman Ward 6

**Alderman Greg Mitchell**

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Alderman Ward 7

**Alderman Michelle A. Harris**

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**Alderman Peter Chico**

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Alderman Ward 11

**Alderman Julia Ramirez**

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Alderman Ward 12

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Alderman Ward 13

**Alderman Jeylú B. Gutiérrez**

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Alderman Ward 14

**Alderman Ray Lopez**

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**Alderman Stephanie Coleman**

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**Alderman Byron Sigcho-Lopez**

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**Alderman Jessica Fuentes**

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**Alderman Jason C. Ervin**

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**Alderman Ruth Cruz**

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**Alderman Rossana Rodriguez Sanchez**

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**Alderman Carlos Ramirez-Rosa**

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**Alderman Emma Mitts**

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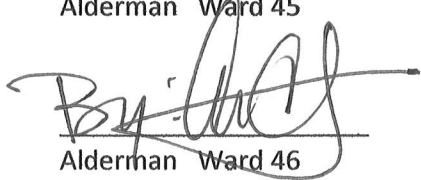
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