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Resolution urging all levels of government to ensure that benefits granted under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Security Act are shared with all residents, regardless of their immigration status.

This resolution urges all levels of government to ensure that benefits granted under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Security Act are shared with all residents, regardless of immigration status. This resolution also urges the administration of Mayor Tom Barrett to carefully review those resources that might accrue to residents -- whether through the City or not -- and do what it can to help residents overcome obstacles to the receipt of resources. It also requests the administration to inform the Common Council of any obstacles it discovers that could be reduced or removed as part of a coordinated lobbying effort by the City.

Whereas, As enacted, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Security (CARES) Act is one of the most ambitious stimulus and economic rescue packages ever passed by the United States government; and

Whereas, Undocumented immigrants have been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, Various provisions of the CARES Act seem intended to limit the access of undocumented immigrants to key portions of the relief brought by the Act; and

Whereas, Mayors across the country, including Mayor Lori Lightfoot of Chicago, have made it a priority to ensure that as much of the relief provided by the CARES Act as possible is made available on an equal basis to undocumented immigrants; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee that legislators at all levels of government are urged to ensure that the benefits of the CARES act are shared with all residents, regardless of their immigration status; and, be it

Further Resolved, That Mayor Tom Barrett is urged to carefully review those resources for which Milwaukee residents are eligible under the CARES Act -- whether passed through City government or not -- and to do everything possible to ensure that barriers to the receipt of these benefits are

removed; and, be it

Further Resolved, That Mayor Barrett is requested to keep the Common Council apprised of his administration's efforts in these matters on a regular basis and is urged to inform the Common Council of any obstacles it discovers that could be reduced or removed as part of a coordinated lobbying effort by the City; and be it

Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be provided to all members of the City's state and federal legislative delegation.

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