



The City of Minneapolis

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

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Honoring the Ecuadorian community and calling on President Obama to grant Temporary Protected Status to victims of the Ecuadorian earthquake

Whereas, the Ecuadorian community is an essential part of Minneapolis and contributes to the rich diversity of our city through their spirit of entrepreneurship, participation in civic life, and unflinching work ethic that makes Minneapolis a world class gastronomic city; and

Whereas, through businesses like Chimborazo, La Colonia, Los Andes, Ecuadorian express taxi; media outlets like Ecuasonido and Marinela radio stations; homegrown community developers like Molina Realtors; innumerable construction companies; the St. Cyril and Methodius Church led by Reverend Edison Galarza; and the annual Ecuadorian festival, Ecuadorians in Minneapolis have generously shared their culture with their Minneapolis neighbors for decades ; and

Whereas, the honorary Consul of Ecuador, Silvia Andrade Ontaneda, maintains an office on East Hennepin Avenue in the Third Ward to ensure that Ecuadorian Minnesotans remain connected with the government and have access to necessary consular services; and

Whereas, thousands of Ecuadorian people have made Minneapolis their home, many of whom live in Northeast and South Minneapolis, and have contributed to the revitalization of Central Avenue and East Lake Street; and

Whereas, on April 16, 2016 Ecuador was hit by a 7.8 magnitude earthquake that killed more than 650 people with many hundreds still missing, caused extensive damage to infrastructure, and displaced thousands of families; and

Whereas, since hearing of this tragedy, the Ecuadorian community has come together with leadership from the Ecuadorian Consulate to help contribute to the relief effort, which Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa estimates will cost more than \$3 Billion; and

Whereas, The Neighborhood and Community Relations department has been working closely with the Ecuadorian community and has funded a temporary coordinator position to assist with alignment of relief efforts in Minneapolis,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of the City of Minneapolis: that the City calls on institutions and residents of Minneapolis to come together and support our Ecuadorian neighbors by contributing to relief efforts

Be it further resolved, that the City of Minneapolis calls on President Barack Obama to provide immediate and ongoing assistance to those impacted by this tragedy and to use his executive power to grant Temporary Protected Status to people effected by the earthquake and to immediately cease the deportation of Ecuadorian nationals

Be it further resolved, that the City Council directs the City Clerk to send copies of this resolution to our congressional delegation and to President Barack Obama.

Passed, April 29, 2016

Barbara A. Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk