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**Resolution in Support of Immigration Reform &
Path To Citizenship for Aspiring Americans**

WHEREAS more than 11 million aspiring American citizens make essential and meaningful contributions to our economy and local communities yet are denied fundamental rights – even the most basic human and civil rights defining American democracy – in the workplace and in society at large; and

WHEREAS the foundation of our great country has ever been and remains comprised of immigrants and their families who braved difficult journeys to reach the shores and borders of the United States with the goal of building a greater life for their families and contributing as full members of our society; we are all descended from immigrants who suffered at some time to protect Democracy and we carry on our national commitment to safeguard the unique American spirit acknowledging that Democracy can only function when all members of our society seeking citizenship are able to do so; and

WHEREAS guest worker programs that provide temporary status creates a second class of workers unable to exercise even the most fundamental rights; creates lower wages and working conditions for all workers; the cost of criminalization and an underground economy has proven a burden on taxpayers and our national economy in comparison to legalization that would raise citizen wages and increase government revenues; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Orange County calls upon Congress and President Obama to adopt common-sense immigration reform that includes (1) an immediate moratorium on mass deportations non felon by status only, followed by universal adjustment of status to legal permanent residency, (2) a clear, fair & responsible path to citizenship, and (3) reunification for mixed-status families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Orange County urges local Democratic elected officials to publicly support this resolution.