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By Council Members Dromm, Arroyo, Brewer, Chin, Comrie, Eugene, James, Koppell, Koslowitz, Lander, Levin, Rose, Williams, Mark-Viverito, Palma and Rodriguez

Whereas, New York City has long served as an official entry point for immigrants to the United States and as a home for succeeding generations of natural born citizens; and

Whereas, Millions of United States citizens can trace the entry of their ancestors into the United States through Ellis Island and other ports of entry, and those who immigrated have established lives and families and built communities here; and

Whereas, In 2011, Representative Stephen King and Senator David Vitter introduced the Birthright

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Citizen Act of 2011 (H.R. 140/S.723) to end the recognition of automatic birthright citizenship for certain

classes of people who are born in this country to non-citizen parents; and

Whereas, The 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution, ratified in 1868, grants all persons

born in the United States automatic citizenship without regard to the immigration status of either parent; and

Whereas, If enacted, the Birthright Citizenship Act would amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to

consider a person born in the United States "subject to the jurisdiction" of the United States for citizenship at

birth purposes only if the person is born in the United States of parents, one of whom is: (i) a U.S. citizen or

national; (ii) a lawful permanent resident; or (iii) an undocumented immigrant performing active service in the

U.S. Armed Forces; and

Whereas, There are approximately three million immigrants residing in New York City, many of whom

might not qualify for U.S. citizenship if the Birthright Citizenship Act were in effect; and

Whereas, According to the Pew Hispanic Center December 2010 report, there are approximately four

million U.S. born children of undocumented immigrant parents residing in the United States; and

Whereas, Recognizing individuals born on United States soil as U.S. citizens is a cornerstone of

American heritage and identity; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the United States Congress to reject the

Birthright Citizenship Act of 2011, which would end the recognition of automatic birthright citizenship for

certain classes of people who are born in this country to non-citizen parents.

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