

RESOLUTION NO.: 151 - 2018

OF

JUNE 11, 2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWBURGH
SUPPORTING THE GREEN LIGHT LEGISLATION
TO ENSURE EQUAL ACCESS TO DRIVER'S LICENSES FOR
ALL RESIDENTS OF NEW YORK STATE

WHEREAS, all residents of New York State, regardless of immigration status, should have equal access to driver's licenses; and

WHEREAS, New York State currently bars hundreds of thousands of immigrants in our state from obtaining driver's licenses due to their immigration status; and

WHEREAS, without access to licenses, many immigrants are unable to purchase, register, and insure their own vehicles and so face major barriers to meeting the most basic needs of day-to-day life: traveling to work, school, grocery shopping, medical appointments, and places of worship; and

WHEREAS, expanded immigrant access to driver's licenses will reduce the number of uninsured vehicles on the road, thereby lowering insurance premiums for all New York motorists; and

WHEREAS, with New York State currently in the process of redesigning its license policies to comply with the federal REAL ID Act by the 2018 deadline, now is the ideal moment to remove immigration status restrictions for driver's licenses;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Newburgh expresses its support and calls on the New York State Legislature to move forward Driver's License Bill A10273/S08680; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk of the City of Newburgh, New York forward copies of this resolution to the offices of Assembly Member Frank Skartados and N.Y. Senator William Larkin.