

CITY OF BEACON CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO.___OF 2019

NYS LOCALITY RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF 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 of Beacon City Council calls on the New York State Legislature to move forward Drivers Licenses Bill A10273, granting access to licenses for all residents of New York State.

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☐ Amendments						☐ 2/3 Required	
□ Not on roll call.			□ On roll call			☐ 3/4 Required	
Motion	Second	Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason	Absent
		Terry Nelson					
		Jodi McCredo					
		George Mansfield					
		Lee Kyriacou					
		John Rembert					
		Amber Grant					
		Mayor Randy J. Casale					
		Motion Carried				_	