

**RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO
REVIEW IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION**

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This joint resolution of the Legislature urges the United States Congress and the members of Utah's congressional delegation to work to resolve issues related to undocumented individuals in the United States.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, the Federal Immigration and Naturalization Service has not addressed the issue of undocumented workers from Mexico and Latin American nations;

WHEREAS, this is an issue of great concern in the state of Utah;

WHEREAS, children born in the United States to undocumented individuals are American-born citizens;

WHEREAS, undocumented workers have been in the United States for five years to 50 years without being deported by the Federal Immigration and Naturalization Service;

WHEREAS, some American citizens have married undocumented individuals, and some undocumented workers have joined the United States Armed Services;

WHEREAS, many undocumented individuals have paid taxes; and

WHEREAS, issues related to undocumented individuals raise complex questions that need to be resolved on the national level:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah strongly urge the United States Congress to review and consider whether to permit parents of American-born children to become American citizens, whether to permit undocumented individuals who have married American citizens to become American citizens, whether to permit undocumented individuals that have been in the United States for more than five years to be given the opportunity to become an American citizen, and whether to permit undocumented individuals who have joined the United States Armed Services to become

American citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature strongly urges the United States Congress to review and determine the appropriate disposition of family and financial affairs in cases where an undocumented parent purchases a home and is then deported.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges Utah's congressional delegation to work with Congress in resolving these issues and to provide guidance and support in the resolution of these issues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Federal Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.