RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING AND URGING THE PASSAGE OF THE DEVELOPMENT RELIEF AND EDUCATION FOR ALIEN MINORS (DREAM) ACT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Development Relief and Education for Alien Minors (Dream) Act was first introduced in the Senate in 2001, and has failed on numerous occasions; and

WHEREAS, the Dream Act provides immigration relief to high school students by allowing them to become permanent residents if they came to the United States as children (under the age of 16), are long-term United States residents (five (5) years or more), have good moral character and attend an institution of higher learning or enlist in the military for at least two (2) years; and

WHEREAS, children who have been brought to the United States illegally should not be punished for the alleged transgressions of their parents/guardians and deserve to be judged on their own character and merit regardless of their country of birth or immigrant status; and

WHEREAS, the Dream Act would provide young people with an incentive to move towards permanent residency while pursuing further education or serving our country in the United States Armed Services; and

WHEREAS, approximately 50,000 to 70,000 undocumented students graduate from United States high schools each year without legal status making it difficult for them to attend college, acquire a job or join the military; and

WHEREAS, no one benefits from the creation of an underclass that would come about as a result of denying these students the opportunity to pursue higher education and for denying hard working individuals an opportunity to compete in the global political economy; and

WHEREAS, there may be numerous families residing in North Miami whose children would benefit from the passage of the Dream Act; and

WHEREAS, the Dream Act is a practical, fair solution that upholds values of fair opportunity and strong work ethics; and

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council support the passage of the Dream Act and encourage the Florida delegations to support the passage of the Act.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. **Recitals.** The recitals in the whereas clauses are true and correct, and incorporated into this Resolution.

Section 2. **Support of Legislation.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby support allowing undocumented alien children to become permanent residents after attending two (2) years of college or joining the military if they came to the United States before the age of 16, have maintained continuous residence for five (5) years, graduated from high school or obtained a GED, and have good moral character. The Mayor and City Council urge the United States Congress to pass the Development Relief and Education for Alien Minors (Dream) Act.

Section 3. **Directions to City Clerk.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the United States Congress, our federal elected officials, all United States Representatives and Senators representing the State of Florida as well as the United States Conference of Mayors.

Section 4. **Directions to City Lobbyist.** The Mayor and City Council hereby direct the City's lobbyist to advocate for the immediate passage of the Dream Act.

Section 5. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a _____ vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this _____ day of April, 2012.

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ANDRE D. PIERRE, ESQ.
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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REGINE M. MONESTIME
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: HONORABLE MAYOR ANDRE D. PIERRE, ESQ.

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote:

Mayor Andre D. Pierre, Esq.	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor Jean R. Marcellus	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Michael R. Blynn, Esq.	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Scott Galvin	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Marie Erlande Steril	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)