

RESOLUTION NO. 07-03-510

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, REQUESTING APPROPRIATE CHANGES TO STATE POLICY AND APPLICABLE LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD PERMIT IMMIGRANT RESIDENTS TO ATTEND FLORIDA JUNIOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AT IN-STATE TUITION RATES; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the immigrant population of Florida provides a multitude of necessary and valuable services, without appreciable negative impacts on employment opportunities for Florida citizens, and

WHEREAS, the US constitution provides for the education of every resident in the United States from K-12 grades, and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Gardens supports at the national level comprehensive immigration reform that provide a pathway to citizenship and a policy to provide residents serving in the armed services immediate citizenship, and

WHEREAS, undocumented immigrant population in our schools consists primarily of industrious, ambitious and hard working people who, in some, if not most cases are here not by choice and some families have withstood great risks in order to adopt American democratic principles, and

WHEREAS, the immigrant population and the children of such population seek to improve their lots by advancing their education, and

WHEREAS, It is self-evident that a better educated population is a richer population in terms of the culture, the economic opportunities available, the

opportunity to maintain a self-sustaining life and the opportunity to return something positive to the community, and

WHEREAS, in many cases, this immigrant population is underemployed and are subjected to exploitation which interferes with the realization of their justifiable ambitions and the spirit of fairness of this great country and state, and

WHEREAS, tuition rates available to such population, in parity with other residents in states such as Texas, California, Utah and New York would enable students attending our high schools for more than 3 years to improve their lots by being able to access in-state tuition and achieve educational enhancements in areas that we have critical shortage of professionals thereby helping to reduce the recruitment of those professional from outside the US by continuing our investment in the pool that we have educated from K-12, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing recital paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. REQUESTS FOR INVESTIGATION AND LEGISLATION: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens, Florida, joined by the Honorable Mayor, hereby requests the Legislature of the State of Florida to undertake such inquiries and investigations as shall be necessary to examine the advisability of making in-state tuition rates available to immigrant residents to attend Florida Junior Colleges and

Universities and, if supportable, to enact such legislation, rules and regulations which will provide such advantages to the immigrant population as are contemplated herein.

Section 3. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK: The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to provide true copies of this Resolution to Senator Ken Pruitt, President of the Florida Senate, to the Honorable Marcc Rubio, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, to the Honorable Governor Charlie Crist, to the Miami-Dade League of Cities, the Florida League of Cities, National League of Cities, and their constituency groups (NBC-LEO, HELO) and the Florida Immigrant Coalition.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2007.

  
SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
RONETTA TAYLOR, OMC, CITY CLERK

SPONSORED BY: Mayor Shirley Gibson

MOVED BY: Vice Mayor Braynon

SECONDED BY: Councilman Bratton

**VOTE: 7-0**

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<u>  x  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Vice Mayor Oscar Braynon, II	<u>  x  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<u>  x  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Councilman Aaron Campbell	<u>  x  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Councilman André Williams	<u>  x  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<u>  x  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Councilwoman Barbara Watson	<u>  x  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)

# City of Miami Gardens

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the City Council

From: Shirley Gibson  
Mayor

Date: January 10, 2007

Re: Resolution requesting applicable legislation to permit immigrant Residents to attend Florida Junior Colleges and Universities at In-State Tuition Rates.

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### **Background:**

This resolution requests the Legislature of the State of Florida to undertake such inquiries and investigations deemed necessary to examine the advisability of making in-state tuition rates available to immigrant residents to attend Florida Junior Colleges and Universities, and if supportable, to enact such legislation, rules and regulations which will provide such advantages to the immigrant population.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the City Council approve the proposed resolution.

**J-1) CONSENT AGENDA  
RESOLUTION  
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UNIVERSITIES IN-STATE  
TUITION RATES**