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**Substitute Resolution on Migration and Climate Change**

Chicago Board of Health

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**WHEREAS** the negative health effects of climate change are well documented and noted to have the greatest impact on already vulnerable communities; and

**WHEREAS** the AMA and other medical specialties societies as well as other professional organizations have statements supporting the science behind climate change; and

**WHEREAS** articles have appeared in news media suggesting climate change is a factor contributing to migration to the southern border of the United States; and

**WHEREAS** the website of the United States Customs and Border Patrol has a posting referring to a presentation by Commissioner McAleenan that describes the changing population of emigrants to the southern border of the United States and cites crop failure and draught as a major driver of migration; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that the Chicago Board of Health acknowledges that climate change is a significant driver of emigration to the southern border of the United States; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the Chicago Board of Health strongly supports the status of Chicago as a sanctuary city that honors its kinship with those who endure the immeasurable hardship of migration from Central America; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the Chicago Board of Health strongly supports robust action taken by the Chicago Department of Public Health to address the climate change crisis; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the Chicago Board of Health encourages its own members to share with their constituencies the relationship between climate change and migration; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the Chicago Board of Health strongly supports efforts undertaken by the Mayor and Chicago City Council to provide comprehensive and dignity-preserving support to migrants fleeing devastation and coming to Chicago.