OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT
MAYOR

Executive Order No. 2020-2

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago faces an extraordinarily severe and unprecedented threat to its residents in the newly discovered coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a highly contagious respiratory illness that does not discriminate among residents but instead affects all Chicagoans; and

WHEREAS, To address the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic poses to Chicago's communities, including its immigrant community, the City of Chicago prepared several programs to aid all residents; and

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago established the COVID-19 Housing Assistance Grant, which provides disaster relief aid for the housing costs of individuals and families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Public Schools offered online Enrichment Learning Resources for all students at all levels, so that each student, regardless of immigration status, could continue to pursue an excellent education; and

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago established a $100 million Chicago Small Business Resiliency Fund to provide small businesses with disaster relief cash flow during the COVID-19 pandemic, which is available to any entrepreneur, including immigrants who run a business; and

WHEREAS, All residents of the City of Chicago, regardless of nationality or citizenship, should have fair and equal access to municipal benefits, opportunities, and services, including anything provided as disaster relief to the COVID-19 pandemic; now, therefore,

I, LORI E. LIGHTFOOT, Mayor of the City of Chicago, do hereby order as follows:

The Office of the Mayor declares that all benefits, opportunities, and services which are provided or administered by the City of Chicago are accessible to all residents of the City, regardless of country of origin or current citizenship status. The provisions of this Order shall be liberally construed, particularly in the response of the City to the COVID-19 pandemic, to provide such access to the fullest extent possible in concert with applicable legislative and common law provisions.

Nothing in this Order shall be construed to limit, curtail, or otherwise diminish the rights conferred in the Welcoming City Ordinance, Municipal Code of Chicago Section 2-173-005 *et seq.*, or in any other related executive order.

This Order takes effect upon its execution and filing with the City Clerk.

Mayor

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City Clerk