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RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, during the early days of November, Typhoon Haiyan, also known as Typhoon Yolanda, devastated the central Philippines reportedly killing at least 4,000 people and injuring at least 12,000; and

WHEREAS, according to the United Nations, the Typhoon particularly affected, Samar Island and Leyte where cities and town were destroyed; and

WHEREAS, news reports anticipate a death toll of over 10,000 in the central area of the Philippines with additional deaths in the coastal cities; and

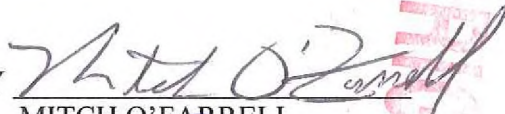
WHEREAS, wires, trees, and debris have caused major damage cutting off access to these certain areas; and

WHEREAS, in light of the devastation and need for recovery, United States Senator Chuck Schumer has proposed to extend the visas for Filipinos who are in the U.S. while their homeland recovers from the Typhoon; and

WHEREAS, support of legislation that seeks to assist Filipino immigrants by extending their visa status to allow them to continue to work and go to school should be a priority for the City of Los Angeles;

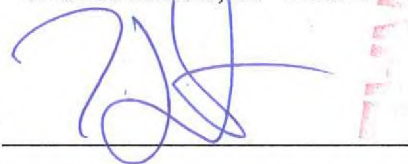
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles, hereby includes in its 2013-2014 Federal Legislative Program, SUPPORT of legislation that would allow Filipino nationals legally in the U.S. to continue working or going to school, regardless of when their visas expire until the Philippines recovers from Typhoon Haiyan.

PRESENTED BY



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SECONDED BY



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