

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE
2 IMPORTANT HISTORY AND ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS OF IMMIGRANTS TOWARD THE
3 BUILDING OF THE UNITED STATES.
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5 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 WHEREAS, the United States of America was built by people from all over
7 the world and the protection of immigrants through resettlement in the
8 United States of America is a manifestation of the most deeply held values of
9 the nation and of Idaho, namely our unshakeable belief in justice and freedom
10 and our compassion for those who suffer; and

11 WHEREAS, immigrants go through an extensive vetting process, swearing
12 allegiance to and bearing goodwill toward the United States of America, and
13 many have earned green cards, become citizens and call this country home; and

14 WHEREAS, Idaho communities were founded and established by hard-work-
15 ing people of a wide variety of ethnicities, ages, religions and back-
16 grounds, such as the Basque, Scandinavians, Irish and more; and

17 WHEREAS, the State of Idaho has a long and proud history of providing
18 safe haven and opportunity to immigrants over the course of its history; and

19 WHEREAS, immigrants serve in our military, work for America's diplo-
20 matic interests, and work, volunteer and contribute to Idaho communities
21 every day; and

22 WHEREAS, organizations in our country and state, including the Catholic
23 Charities, Lutheran Community Services, Jewish synagogues and the Church of
24 Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, all work to help resettle immigrant fami-
25 lies in Idaho; and

26 WHEREAS, immigrants include people fleeing poverty, persecution, op-
27 pression and war, and include women and children in need of safety; and

28 WHEREAS, America's immigrants have brought with them the character,
29 talent, creativity, dynamism, determination and fortitude to help build the
30 strongest and best nation on Earth; and

31 WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature believes in protecting America's deeply
32 held values and unshakeable belief in justice, freedom and compassion for
33 immigrants coming to America to find a new home and appreciates their contri-
34 butions to Idaho.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-
36 sion of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and
37 the Senate concurring therein, that we do hereby recognize and support the
38 important history and ongoing contributions of immigrants toward the build-
39 ing of our great nation.