

Illinois Republican Party 2024 Resolution

In Defense of Our Border and Sovereignty

WHEREAS, the Biden Administration inherited the most secure southern border and lowest illegal immigration in decades and has not only cynically abandoned its responsibility to safeguard the border, it has actively prevented, primarily the State of Texas, from securing the border, including through court action; and

WHEREAS, the Biden Administration ended former President Trump's successful "Remain in Mexico" Program; and

WHEREAS, the resulting unprecedented flow of an estimated 16 million illegal immigrants into our country during the Biden Administration, the highest number in US history, poses a threat to the security, safety, health and welfare of every resident of the State of Illinois, and has transformed every state into a border state; and

WHEREAS, the Biden Administration's dereliction of its duty at our southern border has caused a tragic, yet preventable, human trafficking crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Biden Administration's failure at the border has directly resulted in increased drug smuggling, adding to the problem of fentanyl use and overdose deaths especially among our young adults; and

WHEREAS, the sophisticated human smuggling and drug trafficking organizations that facilitate these criminal acts are spearheaded by violent international drug cartels that have operational control over our unsecured southern border, and the Biden Administration's abdication of control over the border directly enriches these drug cartels; and

WHEREAS, this unprecedented flow of illegal immigrants into the country constitutes a threat to our national security and physical safety as individuals on terror watch lists seek to enter our country through our porous southern border; and

WHEREAS, this unprecedented flow of illegal immigrants has resulted in billions of dollars of government spending on public aid, housing and other government services, further burdening our already over-taxed citizens and crowding out other essential services; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party enables and promotes illegal immigration as a means to hold political power as evidenced by the fact that every Democrat in Congress voted against the Equal Representation Act and to include foreigners, including illegal aliens, in the 2030 census and congressional re-apportionment; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Mayors Lori Lightfoot and Brandon Johnson exacerbated the Biden Administration's failure by housing the overflow of immigrants in the City of Chicago's

police stations, further endangering the residents of the City of Chicago by impeding police from their jobs; and

WHEREAS, neither Governor Pritzker nor Mayor Brandon Johnson have shown any desire to address the safety, health and economic problems resulting from the invasion at our southern border;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party calls on the Biden Administration to resume construction of former President Trump's Border Wall, to safeguard all of the country's borders, and to transport, by any means available, all illegal immigrants across the same border they illegally crossed; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party categorically condemns the feckless border policies of the Biden Administration and calls for a renewed effort to impeach Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Illinois Republican Party calls on leaders in the City of Chicago to revoke Chicago's status as a so-called sanctuary city, and on leaders throughout the state to reject and eliminate all so-called sanctuary policies, and that all of these actions must be implemented in order to safeguard the security of Americans and to extinguish the worldwide incentive for millions of undocumented non-citizens to continue to gain illegal access to the United States.

Adopted and affirmed by the Platform and Resolutions Committee on May 24, 2024 in Collinsville, Illinois and agreed upon by the state convention delegates on May 25, 2024