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RESOLUTION NO. 100512

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW RELATING TO THE STATUS OF CERTAIN ALIEN STUDENTS; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS FOR THE CLERK OF THE COMMISSION; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

10 **WHEREAS**, on information and belief there are an estimated twelve million
11 undocumented immigrants in the United States, and of them approximately two million are
12 children who were brought into this country through no decision of their own; and

13 **WHEREAS**, children of undocumented immigrants who were not born in the United
14 States are unable to get driver's licenses, jobs, and are excluded from many opportunities
15 because there is no system in place to help them become citizens, even though these children
16 have been a product of our educational system and life in the USA is what they recognize as
17 home; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Senate Bill S.3827, also known as the Development, Relief and Education
19 for Alien Minors Act, commonly known as the DREAM Act, has been introduced in Congress
20 that would permit high school graduates who immigrated to the United States before they were
21 16 and resided continuously in the country for 5 consecutive years and are under the age of 35 at
22 the time the law is enacted, to gain conditional residency; and

23 **WHEREAS**, this conditional residency is furthermore contingent upon requiring these
24 students to be of good moral character, and complete either two years of post-secondary
25 education or military service;

26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE**
27 **CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA;**

28 **Section 1.** The City Commission of the City of Gainesville declares its support for
29 Senate Bill 3827 that amends the federal immigration law to permit, among other things, States
30 to determine State residency for higher education purposes and to authorize the cancellation of

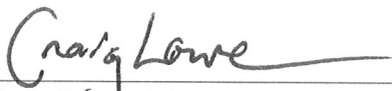
1 removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long term United States
2 residents and who entered the United States as children.

3 **Section 2.** The Clerk of the Commission is authorized and directed to send copies
4 of this Resolution to the members of the Alachua County Federal Legislative Delegation.

5 **Section 3.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

6 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 18th day of November, 2010.

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Craig Lowe, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



Kurt Lannon,
Clerk of the Commission



Marion J. Radson, City Attorney
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