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CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution #20-04

A RESOLUTION BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL EXPANDING AWARENESS OF REBECCA TRIMBLE'S THREAT OF DEPORTATION AND ENCOURAGING FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES AND AGENCIES TO WORK WITH THE FAMILY TO HELP BRING RESOLUTION TO THEIR UNFORTUNATE SITUATION

WHEREAS, the Bethel City Council would like to bring light to the unusual situation one of our community families is facing and would like to encourage our federal representatives and relevant federal agencies to work with the family to help bring resolution to their unfortunate situation;

WHEREAS, Rebecca Trimble, Bethel Community member since 2017, received notification from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) on February 10, 2020 stating that she must leave the country within 33 days;

WHEREAS, Rebecca, wife and mother of two, was brought to the United States from Mexico by her adoptive parents, two U.S. citizens, when she was just a few days old;

WHEREAS, having obtained a driver's license, and social security card, Rebecca lived her life believing she was a citizen of the United States until 2012, when she attempted to obtain a Real ID from Washington State and was informed her documentation was not sufficient to do so;

WHEREAS, Rebecca's adoption in Mexico was not legally recorded and no record of her birth exists; leaving Rebecca with no proof of citizenship from the United State or Mexico;

WHEREAS, Rebecca has filed three different applications with USCIS, each of which has been denied;

WHEREAS, Federal agencies should evaluate each case for citizenship individually, discretion must be used and support measures should be provided in such exceptional situations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Bethel City Council urges the Federal Representatives and associated Federal agencies to evaluate the uniqueness of Rebecca

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Trimble's situation and take meaningful action to assist the Trimble family in working toward a solution for Rebecca.

ENACTED THIS 24TH DAY OF MARCH 2020 BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk

Perry Barr, Mayor