

RESOLUTION

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 governmental 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, equitable access to healthcare is still a struggle for many current and former foster youth, kinship care youth raised by family, and emancipated youth who are not guaranteed access to healthcare to the age of 26; and

WHEREAS, educational attainment for foster youth is an ongoing hurdle within the child welfare system as exposure and access to educational opportunities, resources, mentorship and information is limited; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is home to one of the highest concentrations of foster youth with more than half of the state population of foster youth residing in Los Angeles County alone; and

WHEREAS, currently pending in Congress, are four bills: HR 1793, the Dosha Joi Immediate Coverage for Former Foster Youth Act; HR 1794, the Foster Youth Dental Act of 2021; HR 1795, the Expanded Coverage for Former Foster Youth Act; and HR 2028, the Fostering Postsecondary Success for Foster and Homeless Youth Act; and

WHEREAS, HR 1793, the Dosha Joi Immediate Coverage for Former Foster Youth Act, improves access to healthcare for foster youth aging out of the system and affording them with the option to move between states for school or work without consequence; and

WHEREAS, HR 1794, the Foster Youth Dental Act of 2021, expands the Medicaid coverage of current and former foster youth, particularly with respect to dental services and without regard to the state in which they live or move to; and


WHEREAS, HR 1795, the Expanded Coverage for Former Foster Youth Act, seeks to ensure emancipated youth, youth in kinship, and youth who may not be enrolled in Medicaid by the time they age out of the child welfare system are guaranteed healthcare coverage to the age of 26; and

WHEREAS, HR 2028, the Fostering Postsecondary Success for Foster and Homeless Youth Act, seeks to create a national database of colleges and universities with support and resource systems in place for homeless and foster youth in higher education, as well as provide technical assistance to postsecondary institutions as they create and maintain campus-based supports and disseminate best practices across the country; and

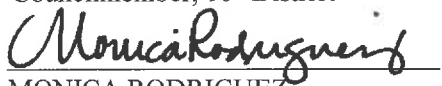
WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should SUPPORT these four bills because the City of Los Angeles is committed to the best outcomes for foster youth and constituents of the child welfare system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT of HR 1793, the Dosha Joi Immediate Coverage for Former Foster Youth Act; HR 1794, the Foster Youth Dental Act of 2021; HR 1795, the Expanded Coverage for Former Foster Youth Act; and HR 2028, the Fostering Postsecondary Success for Foster and Homeless Youth Act, which would address healthcare and educational attainment for constituents of the child welfare system.

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