

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2019-032
SUPPORTING HF1500 “DRIVERS LICENSES FOR ALL” LEGISLATION
IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

WHEREAS, the Northfield Human Rights Commission held a meeting on March 14, 2019 and passed a motion of support for current “Driving Licenses for All” legislation and recommended the City Council to pass an action of support as well; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Department of Human Rights Commissioner Rebecca Lucero was at the Human Rights Commission meeting on March 14, 2019 and presented information on the bill (HF1500) and also answered questions; and

WHEREAS, if enacted, Minnesota would join a growing list of states that allow their residents to get a license without regard to legal immigration status; and

WHEREAS, until 2003, residents of Minnesota did not have to provide proof of legal residence to get a driver’s license. A rule change under the administration of former Gov. Tim Pawlenty ended that practice; and

WHEREAS, under the bill, those ineligible to vote would be prevented from Election Day voter registration using the license and ID cards. The change would also make no change in an individual’s legal status. The change would only ensure that they can drive a vehicle legally on Minnesota’s roads; and

WHEREAS, the bill has drawn support from a wide swathe of agencies and organizations, including the Department of Public Safety, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, and labor and religious groups.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT:

1. The City of Northfield hereby officially supports the “Drivers License for All” Legislation that is currently under review as HF1500.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 2nd day of April 2019.

ATTEST

City Clerk

Mayor

VOTE: ___ POWNELL ___ GRABAU ___ DELONG ___ NAKASIAN
 ___ NESS ___ PETERSON WHITE ___ ZWEIFEL