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Resolution 23-08

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE
IMPORTATION OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS
INTO THE REGION**

WHEREAS, recent news reports indicate that the nonprofit International Institute of St. Louis (hereinafter “IISTL”) is working with unions and philanthropic leaders to resettle possibly thousands of Latin American migrants in the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, in October 2023, a representative of the IISTL traveled to Chicago to explore the possibility of bringing migrants to St. Louis, which was described as an effort to bolster St. Louis’ workforce and stem its population decline; and

WHEREAS, the IISTL representative said that the program would be funded primarily by private donors and would provide housing for as long as three months, cellphones, apprenticeship programs and job placement through unions and assistance from immigration lawyers; and

WHEREAS, the city of Chicago has become a self-proclaimed sanctuary city and about 18,000 immigrants have arrived; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Mayor of the City of St. Louis has publicly stated in relevant part, “[w]hile the City has not had direct conversations on welcoming more migrants from Chicago, the City of St. Louis has had a longstanding cooperative relationship with the International Institute to welcome immigrants and refugees to the St. Louis area...”; and

WHEREAS, the St. Charles County Council is strongly opposed to the

importation of illegal immigrants into the region based on current federal and state statutes that make their unlawful entry to the United States a criminal offense; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief, Missouri State Senators Bill Eigel and Nick Schroer will encourage state officials and local law enforcement agencies to abide by and enforce Federal and State immigration laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The St. Charles County Council strongly opposes the importation of illegal immigrants into the region.

DATE PASSED

CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL