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By Council Members Brewer, Hanif, Louis, Avilés, Joseph, Richardson Jordan, Ayala, Riley and De La Rosa

Whereas, Due to economic and political conditions in South and Central America, thousands of people, including children and minor children, are fleeing their home countries and seeking asylum in the United States; and

Whereas, Asylum-seeking New Yorkers are facing hardship as changes to the asylum system strain New York courts, resulting in an almost four year backlog of legal immigration cases and necessitating more resources from local legal and social service and City agencies; and

Whereas, Over the last several months more than 20,000 asylum seekers have arrived in New York City; and

Whereas, Reports indicate New York City may receive tens of thousands more asylum seekers in the coming months; and

Whereas, The federal immigration system was not designed to meet the needs of families with children or unaccompanied minor children and insufficient changes have been made to this system to accommodate the special needs of children while comprehensive changes are sorely needed; and

Whereas, Children often endure significant harm as a result of the current system that separates families and places children in facilities that lack the resources they need; and

Whereas, The "Children's Safe Welcome Act of 2022" ("the Act") would ensure that the United States government prioritizes the safety and well-being of immigrant children by mandating, among other things, child protection professionals at children's first point of contact with the federal immigration system; children are placed in non-adversarial settings; that children are placed in the least restrictive facilities, and unaccompanied children are provided with legal representation at every stage of removal proceedings; and

Whereas, The Act would ensure that the United States government prioritizes the safety and well-being of immigrant children by prohibiting family separations, with extremely narrow exceptions; prohibiting the use of family detention facilities and phasing out large congregate care facilities; and

Whereas, The Act would also ensure the safety and well-being of immigrant children, by increasing minimum health and safety standards for children and families in Customs and Border Protection facilities; creating a process for keeping families together; and prioritizes family-based placements for unaccompanied children; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York Calls on the United States Congress to pass and the President to sign S. 4529, the "Children's Safe Welcome Act of 2022," that would establish standards to ensure that the safety and well-being of migrant children in government custody is prioritized, employing best practices in all stages of our immigration system involving unaccompanied and accompanied children who seek asylum in the United States.

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