

1 [Constitution Day and Citizenship Day - September 17]

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3 **Resolution commending the San Francisco Pathways to Citizenship Community**
4 **Collaborative and recognizing the calendar day of September 17 as Constitution Day**
5 **and Citizenship Day in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, September 17 has been designated by Congress as Constitution Day and
8 Citizenship Day in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, Constitution Day and Citizenship Day commemorates the signing of the
10 U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787, and recognizes all who have become American
11 citizens; and

12 WHEREAS, The United States Constitution is the oldest written national constitution in
13 the world that is still active, defining the structure of our federal government and the rights of
14 each state in the union and of individual citizens; and

15 WHEREAS, Constitution Day and Citizenship Day also recognizes aspiring immigrants
16 who are taking steps to become U.S. citizens, and understanding the Constitution and the
17 rights and responsibilities of citizenship are part of the naturalization process; and

18 WHEREAS, On July 9, 2013, Mayor Edwin Lee launched the San Francisco Pathways
19 to Citizenship Initiative, a unique public/private/nonprofit partnership to help San Francisco
20 immigrants navigate the process of applying for citizenship and promote civic engagement;
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22 WHEREAS, The Pathways Initiative has reached over one million Bay Area residents,
23 assisted thousands of applicants for citizenship with their application forms, and trained over
24 500 volunteers; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the San Francisco Pathways to
2 Citizenship Community Collaborative members for their commitment to San Francisco’s
3 immigrant communities, and recognizes them for their efforts to assist, engage and empower
4 immigrants and new citizens; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes the
6 calendar day of September 17 as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day in the City and County
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