

1 [Urging the United States Congress to Pass Legislation Providing and Expanding Family
2 Support Visas]

3 **Resolution calling upon the United States Congress to pass legislation providing and**
4 **expanding family support visas to undocumented or Temporary Protected Status**
5 **recipient parents of United States citizen children or Deferred Action for Childhood**
6 **Arrivals eligible children, to allow them and their children to stay and work in the**
7 **United States with a path to citizenship.**

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9 WHEREAS, Current United States immigration policies cause thousands of family
10 separations each year, through the detention or deportation of parents; and

11 WHEREAS, The separation of children from their parents is a violation of human rights
12 and should not be experienced by any child; and

13 WHEREAS, A parental separation has significant long-term effects on a child's
14 psychological, educational, health, and economic quality-of-life; and

15 WHEREAS, The alternative to separation is the de facto deportation of U.S. citizen
16 children from their communities to their parents' countries of origin, where they must struggle
17 to begin anew, jeopardizing their rights as U.S. citizens and their universal rights as children;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, The five million U.S. citizen children and two million children brought to
20 this nation as infants, and raised here among U.S. citizens, should not be deprived of the
21 right to family and parental guidance and support upon unnecessary separation; and

22 WHEREAS, The Obama Administration issued an executive memorandum on June 15,
23 2012, which provided the deferral of deportation and the provision of work authorization for
24 undocumented individuals brought to this country as minors and further established the
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1 practice of using prosecutorial discretion to defer deportations until the Congress could arrive
2 at a permanent solution; and

3 WHEREAS, In spite of the continuing threat of injustice to children, the current
4 administration rescinded the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) memorandum on
5 September 5, 2017, without Congress having established any alternative; and

6 WHEREAS, These provisions represented a just and much needed temporary relief
7 and should be maintained by act of Congress; and

8 WHEREAS, Parents with U.S. citizen children who were given protected status
9 through prosecutorial discretion and who reported regularly to Immigration and Customs
10 Enforcement (ICE) as they were required were among the first to be deported under this
11 administration; and

12 WHEREAS, Over the past year, there has been a 250% increase in deportations of
13 those with no criminal records, most of whom have families and children, with the likelihood
14 that these numbers will continue to increase; and

15 WHEREAS, At least 325,000 Salvadorans, Nicaraguans, Hondurans, and Haitians
16 have lived in this country for many years and have established families with 273,000 U.S.
17 born citizen children, as well as other children brought here at an early age who have known
18 no other country, now face the cancellation of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and are
19 being deported; and

20 WHEREAS, Millions of hardworking undocumented people who contribute a great deal
21 to this country are living in fear of deportation; and

22 WHEREAS, The children of those undocumented individuals are being forced every
23 day to live with the threat of family separation or deportation of their parents; and

24 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors has repeatedly affirmed its
25 dedication to protecting immigrant communities by condemning the actions targeting

1 immigrant communities of the current administration; and

2 WHEREAS, 2019 marks the 30th anniversary of San Francisco’s Sanctuary City
3 Ordinance, and the City and County of San Francisco is committed to upholding and
4 defending the human and civil rights of all immigrant individuals and families; and

5 WHEREAS, The passage of a clean DACA bill by Congress will prevent future
6 separation of families and provide a pathway to citizenship for the parents of U.S. citizen
7 children or DACA eligible children; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
9 urges Congress to pass such legislation to grant Family Support Visas to undocumented
10 parents or grandparents of U.S. citizen children or DACA eligible children, and to TPS-
11 recipient parents with U.S. citizen children or DACA-eligible children; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That such Family Support Visas be renewable every three
13 years on proof of the continued verification of the original conditions of issue; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That such Visas create a pathway to citizenship for DACA and
15 TPS recipients as well as reunite families at the border and release them from detention;
16 and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges Congress to pass such
18 legislation with expediency; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall notify
20 members of Congress from San Francisco and the United States Senators from California
21 with a request to take all action necessary to achieve the objectives of this Resolution.

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