

1 [Supporting the Demands and Actions of the Close the Camps - Free Our Children Coalition]

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3 **Resolution supporting the demands and actions of the Close the Camps - Free Our**  
4 **Children coalition, which aims to draw attention to the systemic mistreatment of**  
5 **immigrants at the United States border and is working towards closing the inhumane**  
6 **immigrant detention camps and freeing innocent children and families.**

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8 WHEREAS, Close the Camps - Free Our Children is a Bay Area-based grassroots  
9 coalition made up of people of color, LGBTQ people, faith-based groups, artists, citizens and  
10 non-citizens, attorneys, labor, activists, students, parents, allied organizations, and concerned  
11 community members who came together in 2019 due to their collective outrage at the horrific  
12 mistreatment of immigrants at the United States borders, particularly children; and

13 WHEREAS, The coalition is wholly committed to closing the inhumane and undignified  
14 immigrant detention centers sanctioned by the United States government and securing the  
15 freedom of innocent children and families being imprisoned in these facilities; and

16 WHEREAS, Over the last several months, the coalition has been building a strong  
17 advocacy platform to condemn the criminalization of migrants and refugees who are seeking a  
18 better life and take action at the local, state, and federal levels in order to enact real and  
19 necessary reforms to our country's immigration policies; and

20 WHEREAS, The recent mass killing of 22 people in El Paso, Texas, the majority of  
21 whom were of Latinx descent, points to the direct connection between anti-immigrant  
22 sentiments and white-supremacist domestic terrorism; and

23 WHEREAS, The President of the United States continues to use inflammatory rhetoric  
24 to incite domestic terrorism against what his administration has labeled the "invasion" of

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1 immigrants, and this divisive hate speech has been widely attributed with instigating the  
2 killings of innocent U.S. citizens and Mexican nationals; and

3 WHEREAS, The Trump administration has separated more than 2,300 children from  
4 their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border; and,

5 WHEREAS, The Trump administration continues to place hundreds of migrants in  
6 concentration camps with deplorable conditions that have been condemned by the United  
7 Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and other human rights organizations; and,

8 WHEREAS, 2019 marks the 30th anniversary of San Francisco's Sanctuary City  
9 Ordinance, and the City and County of San Francisco remains committed to upholding and  
10 defending the civil and human rights of all immigrant families and individuals; and

11 WHEREAS, On September 16, 2019, Mexican Independence Day, the coalition is  
12 organizing a large protest, rally, and march to San Francisco City Hall to oppose the  
13 inhumane conditions and immoral policies that harm individuals, target immigrants, and  
14 damage the fabric of our democracy in order to bring greater awareness to these issues and  
15 demand action from San Francisco's elected officials; and

16 WHEREAS, The coalition has developed a comprehensive set of demands which  
17 include the following: closing the camps and eliminating contracts with private prison  
18 operators such as CoreCivic and Geo Group, which receive millions in profit for detaining  
19 immigrants; immediately releasing innocent children from detention centers and reunifying  
20 them with their parents or relatives while they wait to receive asylum or immigration relief;  
21 eliminating Section 1325 from the U.S. Code, which makes it a criminal violation to enter the  
22 United States without inspection and is the legal basis for separating children; developing an  
23 immediate pathway to full citizenship for the millions of non-citizens living and contributing to  
24 this country and ending the multi-year ban that requires undocumented people who might  
25 qualify for legal status to leave the country in order to apply for naturalization; defending and

1 expanding Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, Temporary Protected Status, and Deferred  
2 Enforcement Departure, and opposing the current Muslim Ban; and boycotting companies that  
3 profit from providing goods and services such as vehicles, food, furniture, housekeeping,  
4 computers, and data collection software to Customs and Border Protection, Immigration and  
5 Customs Enforcement, and other federal immigration enforcement agencies; now, therefore,  
6 be it

7           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
8 expresses its unequivocal support of the aforementioned demands and actions by the Close  
9 the Camps - Free Our Children coalition and reaffirms its solidarity with Central Americans,  
10 Mexicans, Latinxs, and all refugees and immigrants; and, be it

11           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall notify San  
12 Francisco's State and Federal legislative representatives and the Office of the Governor of the  
13 State of California of the Board's position of support accordingly.

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