

1 [Urging President Joe Biden to Lift Title 42 Restrictions at the United States-Mexico Border
2 that Prevents Individuals and Families Seeking Asylum to Enter the Country]

3 **Resolution urging President Joe Biden to fully lift Title 42 restrictions at the United**
4 **States-Mexico border to allow vulnerable and exploited people seeking asylum,**
5 **including single adults, LGBT couples, and families, to enter the country and to ease**
6 **the growing humanitarian crisis at the border caused by policies hostile to migrants.**

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8 WHEREAS, Title 42 is a 1944 section of the U.S. Code addressing Public Health, and
9 allows the U.S. to limit nonessential travel in order to reduce transmission of communicable
10 disease; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2020 the Trump administration -- continuing its inhumane attacks on
12 immigration, and contrary to scientific and medical advice -- invoked Title 42 to block asylum-
13 seekers at the Mexico border, unleashing chaos, confusion and pain for migrants who are
14 fleeing violence and persecution in their own countries; and

15 WHEREAS, The use of Title 42 to close the U.S.-Mexico border to asylum seekers and
16 others asking for protection in the United States represents an inappropriate and punitive use
17 of public health policy, in response to the COVID-19 global health pandemic to further an anti-
18 immigrant agenda; and

19 WHEREAS, The border closure represents a clear violation of the law granting asylum
20 seekers safe passage, resulting in further family separation, and a surge number of
21 unaccompanied children entering the country unprotected and without their family members;
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23 WHEREAS, The Biden Administration has indicated it will modify enforcement of Title
24 42 to allow families with children and people with certain conditions enter the country as they
25 wait for process; and

1 WHEREAS, Any modified version of the Title 42 border closure will violate the rights of
2 asylum seekers, risking their lives and dignity of vulnerable populations such as
3 unaccompanied minors, transitional age youth, women, LGBTQ and transgender immigrants
4 vulnerable to exploitation, human trafficking, and violence in countries of origin and at the
5 U.S.-Mexico border; and

6 WHEREAS, San Francisco is a Sanctuary City and has invested heavily to support
7 immigrant legal aid and other vital resources to help immigrants transition the to U.S. and, as
8 a result, is home to hundreds of advocates and community organizations fighting for the rights
9 and dignity of immigrants; and

10 WHEREAS, San Francisco is also a leader and model for how a local government can
11 write laws and create policies to support and engage immigrant communities and must
12 continue to push the federal government to respect life and dignity of migrants; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors stands in solidarity to urge
15 President Joe Biden to lift Title 42 restrictions for all migrants seeking asylum and allow them
16 to enter safely and in pursuit of their legal rights; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges Congress to pass
18 comprehensive immigration reform, to ensure that policies of child separation can never be
19 enacted again and that the contribution and value of immigrants be codified and enshrined in
20 our federal laws; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board
22 to transmit copies of this Resolution to President Joseph Biden and to San Francisco's
23 delegation to the U.S. Congress, with a request to take all actions necessary to achieve the
24 objectives of this Resolution.

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