

1 [Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Day - September 4, 2013]

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3 **Resolution commending the Dream SF Deferred Action Grant Program and declaring**
4 **September 4, 2013, as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Day in the City**
5 **and County of San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, On June 15, 2012, President Obama through the Department of
8 Homeland Security (DHS), announced the implementation of Deferred Action for Childhood
9 Arrivals, which began on August 15, 2012; and

10 WHEREAS, The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program offers “deferred
11 action” to immigrants who were brought to the United States as children and who meet other
12 specific requirements as indicated on the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS);
13 and

14 WHEREAS, According to the Immigration Policy Center, roughly 936,930 immigrants
15 between the ages of 15 and 30 might immediately meet the requirements of the deferred
16 action initiative, with California leading with 412,560 potentially qualified youth and adults,
17 followed by Texas (226,700), Florida (85,750), New York (70,170), and Illinois (67,460)⁴; and

18 WHEREAS, An estimated 4,400-6,050 potentially eligible individuals for deferred action
19 reside in the City and County of San Francisco; and

20 WHEREAS, In the fall of 2012, the San Francisco Office of Civic Engagement &
21 Immigrant Affairs (OCEIA) with support from the Department of Children, Youth and Their
22 Families, launched the Dream SF: Deferred Action Grants Program to provide resources to
23 community-based organizations providing legal services; culturally and linguistically
24 competent application assistance, outreach and education; and other services to potentially
25 eligible DACA applicants; and

1 WHEREAS, Dream SF Community Based Organizations including Catholic Charities
2 CYO, Legal Services for Children, and the San Francisco Immigrant Legal and Education
3 Network (Asian Law Caucus, Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach, Central American
4 Resource Center, Dolores Street Community Services and La Raza Centro Legal) have
5 collectively assisted over 300 San Francisco residents in completing and submitting their
6 DACA applications; and

7 WHEREAS, Many additional residents have yet to apply or will become eligible for
8 DACA in the near future; and

9 WHEREAS, This spring the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, the San Francisco
10 Immigrant Rights Commission, and the San Francisco Youth Commission, each passed a
11 resolution promoting DACA and urging the San Francisco Unified School District to coordinate
12 efforts with City departments and the Dream SF Program to support greater student and youth
13 participation; and

14 WHEREAS, OCEIA and the San Francisco Youth Commission have been collaborating
15 for over six months to promote DACA, including working with the San Francisco Unified
16 School District and other higher education institutions to support Dream SF and connect
17 eligible residents with the grant-funded legal services and application assistance services;
18 now therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
20 commends the Dream SF: Deferred Action Grants Program for assisting eligible residents
21 during the first year of the DACA program; and be it

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23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
24 Francisco declares September 4, 2013 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Day in
25 San Francisco.