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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, In the fall of 2012, the San Francisco Office of Civic Engagement & Immigrant Affairs (OCEIA) with support from the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, launched the Dream SF: Deferred Action Grants Program to provide resources to community-based organizations providing legal services; culturally and linguistically competent application assistance, outreach and education; and other services to potentially eligible DACA applicants; and
WHEREAS, Dream SF Community Based Organizations including Catholic Charities CYO, Legal Services for Children, and the San Francisco Immigrant Legal and Education Network (Asian Law Caucus, Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach, Central American Resource Center, Dolores Street Community Services and La Raza Centro Legal) have collectively assisted over 300 San Francisco residents in completing and submitting their DACA applications; and

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

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

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

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

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco declares September 4, 2013 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Day in San Francisco.
Resolution commending the Dream SF Deferred Action Grant Program and declaring September 4, 2013, as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Day in the City and County of San Francisco.

September 10, 2013 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 9/10/2013 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
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