Resolution urging the Board of Supervisors to support Caravan for the Children: Uncage, ReUnify, and Heal / Caravana Por Los Niños: Liberar ReUnificar y Sanar, in their efforts to demand the Biden-Harris administration use executive action to undue cruel and destructive policies, and for the United States Congress pass comprehensive immigration reform.

WHEREAS, In 2018, the U.S. Department of Justice instituted what they called a “Zero Tolerance” policy, intended to deter migrants from coming to the United States to seek refuge and pursue a better life; and

WHEREAS, A major component of this policy was to separate children from their parents at the U.S. Mexico border resulting in children and infants ripped from their parents’ arms and placed in temporary detention facilities and housed in cages; and

WHEREAS, It has been reported that up to 5,468 children and infants were separated from their parents under the Trump administration; and

WHEREAS, Though the policy separating families at the border has been discontinued, reunification programs go neglected and underfunded with 666 children still in federal custody as their parents cannot be located; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco is a Sanctuary City and because of this value has invested heavily to support immigrant legal aid and other vital resources that help newcomers’ transition to and navigate their new home, as result is home to hundreds of advocates and community organizations fighting for the rights and dignity of immigrants; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco is a global model for how a local government can create laws and policies that truly support and engage immigrant communities; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors stands in solidarity with the goals of Caravan for the Children: Uncage, ReUnify, and Heal / Caravana Por Los Niños: Liberar ReUnificar y Sanar, in defense of immigrant rights and dignity; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board urge the Bidden-Harris administration to swiftly use executive action to cease the cruel and dangerous immigration orders of the Trump administration, and full effort be made to locate the parents of the remaining 666 children in federal custody; and, be it

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

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies of this Resolution to the Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi, Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, and the President of the United States.
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January 26, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 10 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai and Walton
Excused: 1 - Stefani

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 1/26/2021 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 her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

London N. Breed
Mayor

2/5/2021
Date Approved

02/05/2021
Date