Resolution acknowledging the Ninth Anniversary of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, recognizing the tremendous contributions from our noncitizen residents including recipients of the DACA Program and their families, and urging Congressional approval of legislative bills that provide relief and pathways to citizenship for the immigrant communities.

WHEREAS, Nine years ago on June 15, 2012, after significant demonstrations and campaigns led by undocumented youth activists, President Obama initiated the immigration program known as the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), in order to allow eligible individuals to receive a renewable two-year period of deferred action from deportation and a work permit in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, On his first day in office, President Biden introduced the United States Citizenship Act, a comprehensive immigration bill to provide a pathway to citizenship for all undocumented immigrants, including DACA-eligible individuals, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) recipients and certain farmworkers, which was subsequently introduced in the House as HR. 1177 and Senate as S. 348 on February 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, In February of 2021 the Dream Act (S. 264) and the SECURE Act (S. 306) were reintroduced in the Senate to provide pathways to citizenship for DACA-eligible and TPC/DED recipients, respectively; and

WHEREAS, In March 2021, the American Dream and Promise Act of 2021 (H.R. 6) and the Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2021 (H.R. 1603) were introduced in the House to provide relief and a pathway to citizenship to those brought to the United States as minors,
including DACA recipients; TPS holders; and DED individuals; and protection from deportation and pathways to citizenship for undocumented farmworkers and their family members; and
WHEREAS, Nearly 11 million undocumented immigrants in the United States live under the constant fear of deportation, family separation, and discrimination while working, paying taxes, and operating their own businesses; and
WHEREAS, Noncitizen residents and their families have spent multiple decades in their communities and play an integral role in our economy, with a combined spending power of $217.7 billion; contributing $31.9 billion in federal, state, and local taxes, with $1.9 billion in California alone; and
WHEREAS, Noncitizen residents fill critical jobs, with nearly 5 million working in essential industries such as agriculture, construction, food services and production, transportation, health care, childcare, and hospitality that would otherwise remain vacant; and
WHEREAS, DACA recipients have been on the front lines during the coronavirus pandemic, with more than 200,000 considered pandemic front-line workers, including 29,000 health care workers; and
WHEREAS, While DACA provided some relief to recipients, it stops short of providing a pathway to full citizenship; does not extend to the families and loved ones who remain at risk of deportation; and is a denial of human rights; and
WHEREAS, The American Dream and Promise and the Farm Workforce Modernization Acts of 2021, are critical first steps in reforming our immigration system and both passed the House with bipartisan support and have been referred to the Senate; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco recognizes the tremendous contributions from noncitizen residents on the occasion of the Ninth Anniversary of the DACA program; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco remain committed to the fight for a pathway to citizenship for all immigrants; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges Senate approval of the American Dream and Promise Act, and the Farm Worker Modernization Act; 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 send a copy of this Resolution to the San Francisco Congressional delegation.
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June 22, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/22/2021 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.

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