

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, ENCOURAGING CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO PASS COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2013, the City Council of Fresno endorsed comprehensive immigration reform via Council Resolution 2013-179; and

WHEREAS, the United States has taken many actions to address the nation's ongoing struggle with undocumented persons; and

WHEREAS, earlier this year, President Barack Obama, through executive action, announced an immigration reform initiative that would allow parents of United State citizens and long-term permanent residents to apply for a work permit and three years of protection from deportation (including an expansion of the Deferred Action for Children Arrivals (DACA) program); and

WHEREAS, earlier this year, in response to national headlines regarding the arrival of thousands of unaccompanied children across the US-Mexican border, the US Office of Refugee Resettlement under the United States Department of Health and Human Services opened additional short-term shelters throughout the United States for children who enter the country without their parents; and

WHEREAS, since becoming operative on January 1, 2015, California Assembly Bill 60 has enabled over 400,000 people, who is are unable to submit satisfactory proof of legal presence in the United States, to obtain a driver's license; and

WHEREAS, Fresno Adult School, which operates under Fresno Unified School

District, has become one of five recipients of the national Network for Integrating New Americans Initiative; and

WHEREAS, non-profit organizations such as SER-Jobs for Progress, Fresno EOC, Educational and Leadership Foundation, Mi Familia Vota, and many other organizations and community groups are working to provide a variety of supportive services for Fresno's immigrant population; and

WHEREAS, local institutions of higher learning, including Fresno City College and California State University, Fresno, have established DREAM centers to support enrolled immigrant students; and

WHEREAS, despite all of the above actions, the United States has yet to pass comprehensive immigration reform.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. THAT, Congress and the President of the United States are hereby encouraged to act without haste in passing compressive immigration reform legislation to address immigrants from all countries and backgrounds, and especially those immigrants who are residents of the City of Fresno and that such legislation provide a path to citizenship for law undocumented persons residing in the United States.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2015.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2015
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2015
Mayor Veto: _____, 2015
Council Override Vote: _____, 2015

YVONNE SPENCE, CMC
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By: _____ [Date]
RAJ S. BADHESHA
Deputy City Attorney

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