

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR COMPREHENSIVE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION REFORM AND URGING THE 113TH CONGRESS TO ENACT REFORMS THAT CREATE A PATHWAY TO CITIZENSHIP, ENSURE ECONOMIC STRENGTH AND PROMOTE STRONGER COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno has always been proud of its immigrant history, providing the backbone of industry and agriculture and making Fresno vital to the progress of the United States;

WHEREAS, immigrants from all over the world have accounted for a significant portion of Fresno's growth over the past decade, bringing new life and investment to our City's neighborhoods, educational systems, and commercial endeavors;

WHEREAS, each day thousands of immigrants work, own homes, open businesses, and contribute to the economic, social, and cultural well-being of the City;

WHEREAS, above all, we believe in the human dignity of all Fresno residents;

WHEREAS, the Federal Government's immigration system is fundamentally broken, holding back our economy and fostering a sense of divisiveness and fear in communities throughout the United States;

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno recognizes that immigration reform must protect the rights of all workers and families and provide sufficient channels for migration in the future;

WHEREAS, the creation of a pathway to citizenship for aspiring Americans would improve wages, working standards, and above all extend the opportunity for advancement to all workers.

Date Adopted:

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City Attorney Approval: BC

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WHEREAS, the City of Fresno recognizes the hopes of millions of immigrants to reunify their families and, as Fresnoans have always held the core values of family and hard work, we recognize the dreams of young immigrants to get a quality education and contribute to our communities; and

WHEREAS, immigration reform is an urgent federal responsibility and must occur in a comprehensive, thoughtful manner guided by our nation's values of due process, civil and human rights, accountability, and proportionality.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Fresno hereby urges the United States Congress to adopt and enact comprehensive immigration reform that includes the following principles:

- (1) that establishes a clear, fast, and reasonable pathway to citizenship;
- (2) keeps families together;
- (3) upholds our values as a nation;
- (4) promotes economic growth, and
- (5) creates a fair immigration system guided by respect for the human rights of all persons; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Clerk is directed to send this resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the Honorable Members of the 113th Congress representing the City of Fresno.

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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 _____, 2013.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2013
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2013
Mayor Veto: _____, 2013
Council Override Vote: _____, 2013

YVONNE SPENCE, CMC
City Clerk

BY: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

BY: _____
Brandon M. Collet, Deputy [date]

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