



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: September 14, 2021

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,

Whereas, an estimated 40,000 residents in the County of Sonoma ("County") are undocumented immigrants of diverse racial, ethnic and national backgrounds, with varied cultures, religions, orientations, abilities and viewpoints; and

Whereas, the County recognizes that the diversity of backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences of undocumented immigrants contribute to the cultural richness and economic wellness of our nation and communities, and

Whereas, the legal status of undocumented immigrants currently restricts many aspects of their lives, including employment options and access to certain safety net programs, and

Whereas, the County believes that all of its residents should have the right to pursue a dignified life with meaningful employment opportunities and access to community safety nets including disaster relief aid, and

Whereas, existing immigration law does not provide clear pathways to citizenship for most undocumented immigrants in this county, which results in hardships including but not limited to barriers in securing safe and dignified housing and employment, increased vulnerability during times of disaster, lack of access to healthcare, and the constant threat of deportation and family separation.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors urges

Congress to pass broad immigration reform that provides a legal pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants living in the United States.

Be It Further Resolved that the Board of Supervisors supports enactment of legislation passed this year by the United States House of Representatives, H.R. 1603 Farm Workforce Modernization Act and H.R. 6 American Dream and Promise Act of 2021, as the initial steps toward providing a legal pathway for undocumented immigrants in this country.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.