



24 country as adults; and,

25 **WHEREAS**, on March 8, 2021 the United States House of Representatives  
26 introduced the Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2021, which would provide  
27 undocumented farmworkers, who are invaluable to our country’s economy and  
28 have lived in this country for years, and their family members with a path to earn  
29 citizenship; and,

30 **WHEREAS**, on April 30, 2021 the United States House of Representatives  
31 reintroduced the American Families United Act to address barriers to family unity  
32 for U.S. citizens and their spouses and children; and,

33 **WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2021 the U.S. Conference of Mayors sent a letter  
34 to the House of Representatives urging that body to support the passage of the  
35 American Dream and Promise Act of 2021; and,

36 **WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2021 the House of Representatives passed both  
37 the American Dream and Promise Act of 2021 and the Farm Workforce  
38 Modernization Act of 2021; and,

39 **WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2021 the White House released a statement by  
40 President Biden indicating his support for the American Dream and Promise Act of  
41 2021, and commended the House of Representatives for passing that law; and,

42 **WHEREAS**, the Biden administration has expressed its interest in working  
43 with Congress to enact solutions to help build a humane immigration system  
44 grounded in dignity, safety, and fairness leading to a path to citizenship for  
45 undocumented individuals in the United States; and,

46           **WHEREAS**, the City of Austin is committed to protecting its immigrant  
47 residents and supporting immigration reform; and,

48           **WHEREAS**, a part of the City’s 2021 federal legislative agenda calls for the  
49 117<sup>th</sup> Congress to support policies that keep families together and provide  
50 immediate reunification of separated families, as well as legislation that provides  
51 comprehensive immigration reform and a path to citizenship for immigrants;

52 **NOW, THEREFORE,**

53 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

54           The City of Austin recognizes and celebrates the value of immigrants within  
55 our community and reaffirms its support for federal legislation that keeps families  
56 together and provides comprehensive immigration reform and a path to citizenship  
57 for immigrants, including but not limited to persons covered by the Deferred  
58 Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

59 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

60           The Council urges the United States Congress to fully pass, and the  
61 President to sign into law, the American Families United Act, the American Dream  
62 and Promise Act of 2021, and the Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2021 in  
63 order to reform our country’s immigration system.

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65 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

66 The City Manager is directed to send copies of this resolution to the Texas  
67 delegations in the United States Congress and to the President of the United States.

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**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk

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