

**Resolution 17-**

Resolution supporting “Dreamers” and The Deferred  
Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program

**Whereas**, California was among the first states in the nation to recognize the contributions that undocumented college students make to our state, by passing legislation in 2001 (AB 540, Chapter 814 of the Statutes of 2001) that enabled certain undocumented students to pay in-state tuition rates at our public universities and colleges; and

**Whereas**, California expanded this commitment by enacting the California Dream Act of 2011, which allowed students eligible for in-state tuition under AB 540 to apply for both institutional financial aid as well as state-based financial aid, in particular the Cal Grant Program; and

**Whereas**, since the California Dream Act of 2011 took effect in 2013, over 20,000 California students, referred to as “Dreamers,” have received state grant aid under this program, enabling them to afford a quality higher education and contribute further to our society; and

**Whereas**, the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, enacted by President Obama in 2012, has allowed over 230,000<sup>1</sup> undocumented residents of California who entered the country as minors to apply to receive legal work permits and live without fear of persecution or deportation (*source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service*); and

**Whereas**, in order to qualify for DACA status, an individual must have been brought to the United States before their 16th birthday, must not have been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, or three other misdemeanors, or otherwise be determined to pose a threat to national security, and must meet other requirements; and

**Whereas**, President Donald Trump officially declared on September 5, 2017 that he will repeal the DACA Program after a 6-month period, and officials of the federal government appear to have increased deportations of undocumented residents, including those who were led to believe they were protected due to their DACA status; and

**Whereas**, the elimination of the DACA Program will result in a reduction in the American workforce and the reduction of nation’s economic growth for our nation at a cost of hundreds of billions of dollars over the first 10 years and a gross domestic product (GDP) loss of over \$11 billion<sup>2</sup> a year in California; and

**Whereas**, the State of California and the County of Monterey are better served when all of our best and brightest students seek a higher education and pursue their careers, rather than remaining in the shadows;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Monterey County Board of Supervisors strongly supports our Dreamers and DACA recipients of Monterey County and throughout the rest our nation and declares Monterey County as a “Dreamers County”; and

2. The Monterey County Board of Supervisors urges President Donald Trump and the United States Senate and House of Representatives to act swiftly through legislative action to continue and codify President Obama’s Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA), which grants “Dreamers” — people who were brought into the country as children by their parents — a temporary reprieve from deportation; and
3. The Monterey County Board of Supervisors recognizes that nearly one-third of the nation’s nearly 800,000<sup>1</sup> Dreamers live in California where they have earned college degrees and found employment. California, including Monterey County, needs college-educated young men and women to fuel our economy and cannot afford to lose our Dreamers to deportation; and
4. Copies of this Resolution be transmitted to President Donald Trump, U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, U.S. Senator Kamala Harris, U.S. Congressman Jimmy Panetta, the California Congressional delegation, California Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr., Assemblymember Mark Stone, Assemblymember Anna Caballero, Senator Bill Monning, and Senator Anthony Cannella.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017 by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book\_\_\_\_ for the meeting on \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated:

Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

<sup>1</sup> *U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services*

<sup>2</sup> *Center for American Progress*