

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OUR 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 students make to our state, by passing legislation in 2001 that enabled certain undocumented students to pay in-state tuition rates at our public universities and colleges and by enacting the California Dream Act of 2011; 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 DACA program, enacted by President Obama in 2012, has allowed over 230,000 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; and*

*WHEREAS, in order to qualify for DACA status, an individual must have been brought to the United States before age 16, must not have been convicted of a felony, or otherwise be determined to pose a threat to national security, and*

*WHEREAS, President 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*

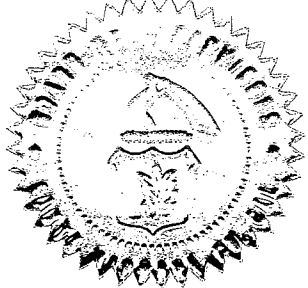
*WHEREAS, the elimination of DACA will reduce the American workforce and diminish the national economic growth at a cost of hundreds of billions of dollars over the next 10 years and a GDP loss of over \$11 billion a year in California alone; and*

*WHEREAS, the State of California and the County of Santa Barbara 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; and*

*WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara has already stated clear support for the continuation of DACA and recognized the contributions of immigrants to our local economy in the County's 2017 Legislative Platform;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors supports our Dreamers and DACA recipients of Santa Barbara County and throughout the nation and urges President Trump and Congress to act swiftly to continue and codify the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.*

*PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2017.*



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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