

RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO'S SUPPORT FOR THE DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA) PROGRAM; CALLING ON CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO ADOPT A PERMANENT LEGISLATIVE SOLUTION FOR DACA RECIPIENTS; AND AFFIRMING THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO'S COMMITMENT TO DACA PARTICIPANTS

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, according to the America Community Survey, a third of San Mateo County residents are foreign born and between 2000 and 2010, the size of San Mateo County's immigrant population increased at a rate larger than any other California County; and

WHEREAS, the County's immigrant population adds vibrancy and diversity to our communities, but many of our immigrant neighbors live in fear of being placed in removal proceedings, which hinders, in many ways, their ability to participate in community life; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the United States Department of Homeland Security, pursuant to an Executive Order by President Barak Obama, instituted the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program; and

WHEREAS, the DACA Program provides for a temporary, two-year suspension of potential removal actions for certain young people who arrived in the United States prior to the age of 16; who have been continuously present in the United States since

June 15, 2007; who were under 31 years old on June 15, 2012; and who are enrolled in school, have graduated from high school or obtained a general development certificate, or who are honorably discharged veterans; and

WHEREAS, DACA Program recipients are eligible to receive work authorization, which allows these young people to support themselves and their families and contribute to the economic vitality of San Mateo County and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, since the DACA Program was launched, well over 700,000 immigrant young people have applied for and received deferred action and work authorization; and more than 217,000 of these young people reside in California; there are an estimated 9,000 individuals living in our County who are eligible for the DACA Program; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2017, this Board adopted Resolution 075091, which expressed this Board's support for immigrants residing in San Mateo County by establishing the Office of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2017, in a move that this Board views as ill-advised, misguided, and lacking in compassion, President Donald Trump ended the DACA Program, but delayed this rescission by six months; and

WHEREAS, the President's intended rescission of the DACA Program has the potential to deny our communities many bright and highly motivated young people and has resulted in continuing fear and uncertainty for young people and their families and this Board's view is that the United States Congress and the President must take

immediate action to implement a permanent legislative solution for all DACA Program recipients; and

WHEREAS, this Board seeks to urge Governor Jerry Brown and State Attorney General Xavier Becerra to take all appropriate actions by the State of California to protect California DACA recipients.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that this Board of Supervisors hereby reaffirms its support for the DACA Program and the young people who have benefited from the program; denounces the President's rescission of the DACA Program; and calls upon the County's Congressional delegation, the United States Congress as a whole, and the President of the United States to implement a permanent legislative solution for DACA Program recipients.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board calls upon the Governor and the State Attorney General to take all appropriate actions to protect California's DACA Program recipients.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to all members of the County's Congressional delegation, all other appropriate members of the United States Congress, the Governor and Attorney General of the State of California, and to the President of the United States.

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