

RESOLUTION CALLING ON CONGRESS TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PASS THE DREAM ACT

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro values its rich diversity, which has become a staple of the city's identity, and believes all residents contribute to what makes Greensboro an ideal place to live;

WHEREAS, approximately 3.3 million people within the United States, could be eligible for permanent relief from deportation, be granted a path to citizenship, and will have the opportunity to attend college, join the military, or be authorized to work;

WHEREAS, as of 2017, 49,712 young people were DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) beneficiaries in North Carolina;

WHEREAS, 73 percent of children born to DACA recipients are US born, and are therefore part of mixed-status families, with at least one undocumented parent who will be displaced from the home if legislation is not enacted;

WHEREAS, approximately three-quarters of Americans, both Republicans and Democrats, support the Dream Act which is a permanent legislative solution for safeguarding Dreamers from deportation;

WHEREAS, approximately 87 percent of DACA beneficiaries are employed with the majority working in education and health services, followed by wholesale and retail trade, business services and hospitality, and make a significant contribution to the pool of taxpayers and homeowners in our community;

WHEREAS, DACA recipients in Greensboro include Guilford County School students, college students, teachers, first responders, healthcare professionals, and small business owners;

WHEREAS, if DACA beneficiaries are removed from our labor market, North Carolina would experience a \$1.1 billion annual GDP loss.

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro is committed to promoting programs and policies, such as the Dream Act, that empower and protect immigrant youth so that they can pursue their dreams as active participatory members of the City of Greensboro's education system, workforce, and overall economy;

WHEREAS, if Congress fails to enact legislation, DACA recipients could be deported beginning as soon as March 6, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That it calls on Congress to immediately pass the Dream Act; the City of Greensboro is committed to promoting programs and policies, such as the Dream Act, that will empower and protect immigrant youth so that they are able to pursue their dreams and be active participatory members of the City of Greensboro.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Chair of the Guilford Delegation to the 115th Congress, the Mayor, the Honorable Speaker of the House, the President of the North Carolina Senate, the members of the Guilford County Delegation to the General Assembly, the Chair of the Human Relations Commission and the Chair of the International Advisory Committee, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.