

# Resolution No. 2017-01

On Urging Congress to Act on Matters Regarding DACA  
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WHEREAS Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) was introduced in 2012 by the Obama Administration to provide eligible immigrant youth with temporary lawful presence for renewable periods of two years<sup>1</sup>, and;

WHEREAS through use of prosecutorial discretion, DACA helps eligible youth receive work authorization and pursue higher education, and;

WHEREAS over 787,580 applicants have been granted deferred action nationally since the program was established<sup>3</sup>, and;

WHEREAS 4,442 applicants have been granted deferred action in the state of Ohio since the program was established<sup>4</sup>, and;

WHEREAS the state of Ohio would experience an estimated annual GDP loss of \$251,609,158 if DACA workers were removed from the workforce<sup>5</sup>, and;

WHEREAS the vast majority of DACA recipients are Latinos<sup>6</sup>, and;

WHEREAS the educational and professional opportunities made accessible by DACA prepare young immigrants to make extraordinary contributions to the Ohio Latino community, and;

WHEREAS the preliminary termination of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals is anticipated to have adverse effects on Ohio's Latino population, and;

WHEREAS the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs is statutorily obligated to advise government on particular issues impacting Latinos in Ohio; therefore be it

RESOLVED THAT: The Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs urges Congress to affirm the moral obligation of the United States by taking immediate action on matters regarding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

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<sup>1</sup>The White House. "Remarks by the President on Immigration". 15 June 2012.  
<sup>3,4</sup> U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. "Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals by Fiscal Year, Quarter, Intake, Biometrics and Case Status—Fiscal Year 2012-2017." 31 March 2017.  
<sup>5</sup>Center for American Progress. "A New Threat to DACA Could Cost States Billions of Dollars." 21 July 2017.  
<sup>6</sup>U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. "Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals by Fiscal Year, Quarter, Intake, Biometrics and Case Status—Fiscal Year 2012-2017." 31 March 2017.