

**SPONSORS: 2<sup>nd</sup> District Councilman Pete Torres  
5<sup>th</sup> District Councilman Dave Woerpel  
6<sup>th</sup> District Councilman Scott Rakos**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE HAMMOND COMMON COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF DEFERRED  
ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA) AND THE DREAM ACT**

A RESOLUTION ARTICULATING THE “SENSE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY OF HAMMOND COMMON COUNCIL” urging the Administration and Congress to protect DACA recipients and affirming support for all, regardless of citizen status and immigration status.

WHEREAS, the program, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, known as DACA, was created through an executive action signed by President Barack Obama in June of 2012; and

WHEREAS, DACA provides undocumented immigrants who were brought to the United States before 16 years of age, known as DREAMERS, deferral of a removal action as an act of prosecutorial discretion, provided they meet certain criteria such as being enrolled in high school or having a high school degree or GED equivalent, and not having a serious criminal conviction; and

WHEREAS, many immigrant parents bring their children to the United States to provide them with greater opportunities for access to the “American Dream”; and

WHEREAS, nearly 790,000 young DACA recipients have received work permits and removal relief through the DACA program and those benefits can be renewed; and

WHEREAS, Indiana has approximately 9,840 DACA recipients; and

WHEREAS, immigrants have accounted for 27 percent of the Indiana’s population growth between 2000 and 2015 according to a report by Ball State University's Indiana Communities Institute. It found that 320,000 to 326,000 immigrants have come to our state over that 15-year period; and

WHEREAS, the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy has reported that DACA eligible immigrants in Indiana paid approximately \$23,288,000.00 in state and local taxes in 2016; and

WHEREAS, DACA is popular with the public and enjoys the support of employers, educators, community leaders, and elected officials from both parties. According to a Morning Consult and Politico poll in April 2017, 78 percent of Americans support giving DREAMERS legal permanent status; and

WHEREAS, the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act has been introduced on multiple occasions in Congress and has failed to gain majority support;

WHEREAS, according to the Migration Policy Institute, as many as 2.31 million individuals would qualify under the DREAM Act, undoubtedly some of those individuals will be Hammond residents; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2019, the United States Supreme Court heard oral arguments on the lawfulness of the Trump administration's termination of the DACA program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hammond has residents who benefit from the DACA program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor of the City of Hammond as well as the Hammond Common Council that they condemn President Donald Trump's rescission of DACA and supports the DREAM Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Common Council urge the President of the United States and members of Congress to stand by those brought as children to this country as the United States is the only country they know; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Common Council support a comprehensive and workable approach to solve our nation's historically broken immigration system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Common Council call upon the Congress of the United States to take affirmative steps to develop a bipartisan pathway to citizenship for DREAMERS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Common Council direct the City Clerk to transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, Congressman Peter Visclosky, Senator Michael Braun and Senator Todd Young to encourage those persons to see that the objects and purpose of this "Sense of the Mayor and City of Hammond Common Council" are achieved.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Hammond this 16th day of December, 2019.

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Robert A. Markovich, President  
Hammond Common Council

Attest:

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Robert J. Golec, City Clerk  
City of Hammond, Indiana

PRESENTED BY ME, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond, Indiana, to the Mayor, for approval and signature, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Robert J. Golec, City Clerk  
City of Hammond, Indiana

The foregoing Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ consisting of three (3) typewritten pages, including this page, was APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Thomas M. McDermott, Jr., Mayor  
City of Hammond, Indiana

PASSED by the Common Council and the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 and \_\_\_\_\_ by the Mayor on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Robert J. Golec, City Clerk  
City of Hammond, Indiana