

CITY OF OBERLIN

RESOLUTION NO. R17-15 CMS

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE FEDERAL DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS PROGRAM, OPPOSING ITS REPEAL AND ENCOURAGING CONGRESS TO CREATE A PATH TO PERMANENT LEGAL STATUS FOR DACA RECIPIENTS.

WHEREAS, in 2003, 2009 and 2017, the Oberlin City Council passed Resolutions reaffirming the City's strong historical support for the rights of non-citizen and citizen immigrants as well as international visitors and opposed measures that single out individuals for legal scrutiny or enforcement activity based on their country of origin; and

WHEREAS, nearly 800,000 young people who came to the United States as children have come forward, passed background checks, and received permission to live and work in the United States through the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, ("DACA"); and,

WHEREAS, many of these 800,000 young people, known as "Dreamers" for the proposed bipartisan Dream Act sponsored by Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina (R) and Sen. Richard J. Durbin of Illinois (D) that would provide them with a path to permanent legal status, have advanced their education, started small businesses, and more fully established themselves as integral members of American society, paid taxes and participated in the military; and,

WHEREAS, President Trump has threatened to repeal DACA, putting all 800,000 Dreamers at risk of immediate deportation; and,

WHEREAS, DACA's repeal would reduce the nation's GDP by an estimated \$433.4 billion over the next 10 years, including a reduction of just under \$252 million in Ohio alone according to the Center for American Progress; would result in tens of billions in lost contributions to Medicare and Social Security and would force businesses to incur \$3.4 billion in turnover costs; and,

WHEREAS, it is a moral imperative that the City of Oberlin's support for DACA, the Dreamers and a permanent path to citizenship without intervening deportation be expressed to Ohio's Delegation to the United States Congress.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio, five-sevenths (5/7ths) of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1: That the City of Oberlin stands in solidarity with the governors, statewide constitutional officers, mayors, state legislators, local elected officials, law enforcement professionals, faith and civic leaders and with Oberlin College in their resolve to preserve the DACA initiative and oppose its repeal.

SECTION 2: That the City of Oberlin opposes any federal action that would rescind or degrade the DACA initiative and it encourages Ohio's Congressional delegation to support legislation that replaces fear and uncertainty with permanent protection for Dreamers such as the Dream Act or similar legislation that would provide a path to permanent legal status for our nation's Dreamers.

SECTION 3: That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to each member of the Ohio Delegation to the United States Congress.

SECTION 4. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the citizens of the City of Oberlin to wit: to authorize a resolution demonstrating the position of the City of Oberlin on a matter of great importance to the citizens of the municipality and to transmit a statement of its position to the Ohio Delegation to the United States Congress without delay," and shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED: 1st Reading – September 19, 2017 (E)

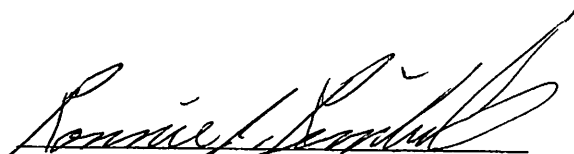
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ATTEST:



BELINDA B. ANDERSON, MMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL



RONNIE J. RIMBERT
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 09/19/2017

EFFECTIVE DATE: 09/18/2017