

**Glendale Community College District**

**R E S O L U T I O N NO. 12-2017-2018**

**In Support of Codifying DACA into Federal Law**

**WHEREAS**, On September 5, 2017, the Trump Administration ordered an end to the program known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, and the Administration has urged Congress to identify a replacement within six months before the Administration phases out DACA's protections. The outcome will determine the legal status and ultimate fate of approximately 800,000 immigrants, known as "Dreamers," who were brought into the United States as children and who are eligible, under the existing DACA program, to apply for temporary residency in the United States;

**WHEREAS**, to qualify for DACA, eligible applicants must not have committed a felony or significant misdemeanor and must have been brought into the country under the age of 16, have lived continuously in the United States since 2007 and have to be either currently in school, have graduated from high school or been honorably discharged from the U.S. armed forces;

**WHEREAS**, seventy percent of DACA recipients are in school and 92% of them identify DACA as permitting them to pursue educational opportunities they previously could not;

**WHEREAS**, the DACA Program has offered the opportunity for hundreds of thousands of individuals to reach their educational goals regardless of their immigration status;

**WHEREAS**, ending DACA could inhibit the aspirations of over 220,000 Californians, including the 72,000 estimated to be California community college students;

**WHEREAS**, the vision for California's community colleges is to provide access to a quality public higher education for all Californians and to provide a pathway to opportunity for people of all backgrounds.

**WHEREAS**, Glendale Community College leaders remain steadfast in their commitment to educational opportunity and to protect quality public community colleges for all Californians;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Glendale Community College District urges the Congress of the United States to codify protections contained within the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program that will permit thousands of California "Dreamers" to achieve their highest potential.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Trustees for Glendale Community College District of California on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.