

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS AND DEFERRED ACTION FOR PARENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY

WHEREAS, in 2012 President Barack Obama issued an executive order providing deportation relief to certain undocumented immigrants who entered the U.S. before their 16th birthday, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA); and

WHEREAS, in 2014 President Obama issued an executive order providing deportation relief to certain undocumented immigrants who are parents of U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents, Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA); and

WHEREAS, DACA will enable qualifying students to attend college, work and pursue a career and thus encourage them to do well in school and graduate; and

WHEREAS, thousands of students and parents in Texas potentially qualify for deportation relief under these orders. Since its implementation in 2012, DACA has provided relief for nearly 600,000 dreamers nationwide, providing an increase in educational and employment opportunities, helping boost the economy and keeping families united; and

WHEREAS, DAPA will enable qualifying parents to obtain better employment and will be able to shield themselves against workplace exploitation; and

WHEREAS, temporary work permits will provide workers with the ability to secure jobs that match their skill set, enhance productivity, and are estimated to provide an additional \$338 million in tax revenues in the state of Texas for the next five years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby support the ongoing implementation of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and the Deferred Action Parental Accountability.

Approved this 27th day of October 2015.

RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

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County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk