

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (N.C.S.)

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING “DREAMERS” AND THE DEFERRED ACTION FOR
CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA) PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the State of California enables certain undocumented students to pay in-state tuition rates at public universities and colleges (AB 540, Chapter 814 of the Statutes of 2001); and

WHEREAS, the State of California enacted the California Dream Act of 2011 which allowed students eligible for in-state tuition under AB 540 to apply for both institutional financial aid as well as state-based financial aid, in particular the Cal-Grant program; and

WHEREAS, since the California Dream Act of 2011 took effect in 2013, over 20,000 California students, referred to as “Dreamers” have received state grant aid under this program, enabling them to afford a higher education and contribute further to the economy and the society; and

WHEREAS, the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, enacted by President Obama in 2012, has allowed undocumented residents of California who entered the country as minors to apply to receive legal work permits and live without fear of persecution or deportation; and

WHEREAS, in order to qualify for DACA status, an individual must have been brought to the United States before their 16th birthday; must not have been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, or three other misdemeanors, or otherwise be determined to pose a threat to national security; and must meet other requirements; and

WHEREAS, President Trump officially declared on September 5, 2017, that he will repeal the DACA Program after a 6-month period, and officials of the federal government appear to have increased deportations of undocumented individuals, including those who were led to believe they were protected due to their DACA status; and

WHEREAS, elimination of the DACA program will result in a reduction in the American workforce and the reduction of the nation’s economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the State of California and the City of Salinas are better-served when all of our students seek a higher education and pursue their careers, rather than living in fear of deportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF SALINAS as follows:

1. The Salinas City Council supports our “Dreamers” and DACA recipients of Monterey County and throughout the United States and declares the City of Salinas as a “Dreamers City”.
2. The Salinas City Council urges the President and the United States Senate and United States House of Representatives to act through legislative action to continue and codify the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which grants “Dreamers”—people who were brought into the United States as children by their parents—a temporary reprieve from deportation.
3. The Salinas City Council recognizes that nearly one-third of the nation’s nearly 800,000 Dreamers live in California where they have earned college degrees and found employment. California, including the City of Salinas, needs college-educated young men and women to fuel our economy and cannot afford to lose our Dreamers to deportation.
4. Copies of this Resolution will be transmitted to the President, United States Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris, United States Congressman Jimmy Panetta, the California Congressional Delegation, California Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., Assemblymember Mark Stone, Assemblymember Anna Caballero, Senator Bill Monning, and Senator Anthony Cannella.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN

APPROVED:

Joe Gunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk