



Tompkins County Legislature

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RESOLUTION NO. DOC ID: 7293

1 **Resolution to Urge the United States Congress to Preserve the**
2 **Protections of Registered Individuals in the Deferred Action for**
3 **Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program by Passing the Bipartisan-**
4 **Supported Dream Act of 2017**

5 WHEREAS, Tompkins County values its ethnic, racial, linguistic, and socio-economic diversity where our
6 diversity is a source of our municipality's strength, and
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8 WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature is committed to ensuring that all County residents can live and
9 pursue their livelihoods in peace and prosperity and is committed to supporting legislation that ensures inalienable
10 rights for all residents throughout the United States, and
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12 WHEREAS, nearly 800,000 young people who came to the United States as children voluntarily came
13 forward, passed background checks, and received permission to live and work in America through the Deferred Action
14 for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program established by executive order by President Obama in 2012, and
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16 WHEREAS, through the DACA program, immigrant youth have made significant contributions to the strength
17 and resiliency of our country through advancing their education, starting small businesses, buying homes and cars, and
18 more fully establishing themselves as integral members of our working economy and society, and
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20 WHEREAS, a majority of Americans (approximately 78%) believe that DACA-protected individuals should
21 be allowed to remain in the United States and over 50% support a path to eventual citizenship, and
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23 WHEREAS, education, business, technology, and religious leaders across the country urge President Trump
24 and Congress to safeguard DACA-protected individuals and cite significant social and economic consequences of a
25 full repeal without an alternative protection, and
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27 WHEREAS, on September 5, 2017, President Trump ordered an end to the DACA program that shields young
28 undocumented immigrants from deportation rescinding protections and rights that enabled them to be productive
29 members of our economy, culture, and society, and
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31 WHEREAS, on July 20, 2017, Senators Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Dick Durbin (D-IL), Jeff Flake (R-AZ), and
32 Chuck Schumer (D-NY) introduced the Dream Act of 2017 which would establish a road to lawful permanent resident
33 (LPR) status or U.S. citizenship for registered DACA individuals, now therefore be it
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35 RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Government Operations Committee, That the Tompkins County
36 Legislature stands by immigrant youth, including those protected by DACA, and calls upon the United States Congress
37 to prevent the revocation of the legal status from those protected under the five-year old DACA program by passing
38 the bipartisan Dream Act of 2017 and thereby strengthen the fabric of our economy and country,
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40 RESOLVED, further, That the Clerk of the Legislature send copies of this resolution to Congressman Tom
41 Reed; State Senators Tom O'Mara, James Seward, and Pamela Helming; to Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten
42 Gillibrand; State Assemblymember Barbara Lifton; and Governor Andrew Cuomo.

43 **SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-20**