

## EAST CHICAGO COMMON COUNCIL

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Rich Medina  
President, East Chicago Common Council

**Sponsor: Councilman Richard Medina**

**RESOLUTION 18-0001**

**RESOLUTION OF THE EAST CHICAGO COMMON COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF  
DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA)**

A RESOLUTION ARTICULATING THE “SENSE OF THE CITY OF EAST CHICAGO COMMON COUNCIL” urging the Administration and Congress to protect DACA recipients and affirming support for all, regardless of citizen status and immigration status.

WHEREAS, the program, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, known as DACA, was created through an executive action signed by President Barack Obama in June of 2012; and

WHEREAS, DACA provides undocumented immigrants who were brought to the United States before 16 years of age, known as DREAMERS, deferral of a removal action as an act of prosecutorial discretion, provided they meet certain criteria such as being enrolled in high school or having a high school degree or GED equivalent, and not having a serious criminal conviction; and

WHEREAS, many immigrant parents bring their children to the United States to provide them with greater opportunities for access to the “American Dream”; and

WHEREAS, nearly 790,000 young DACA recipients have received work permits and removal relief through the DACA program and those benefits can be renewed; and

WHEREAS, Indiana has approximately 9,840 DACA recipients; and

WHEREAS, immigrants have accounted for 27 percent of the Indiana’s population growth between 2000 and 2015 according to a report by Emily Wornell, assistant professor with Ball State University’s Indiana Communities Institute. She found that 320,000 to 326,000 immigrants have come to our state over that 15-year period; and

WHEREAS, the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy has reported that DACA eligible immigrants in Indiana paid approximately \$23,288,000.00 in state and local taxes in 2016; and

WHEREAS, DACA is popular with the public and enjoys the support of employers, educators, community leaders, and elected officials from both parties. According to a Morning Consult and Politico poll in April 2017, 78 percent of Americans support giving DREAMERS legal permanent status.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the East Chicago Common Council that it condemns President Donald Trump’s rescission of DACA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the East Chicago Common Council urges the President of the United States to stand by those brought as children to this country as the United States is the only country they know; and



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the East Chicago Common Council supports a comprehensive and workable approach to solve our nation's historically broken immigration system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the East Chicago Common Council calls upon the Congress of the United States to take affirmative steps to develop a bipartisan pathway to citizenship for DREAMERS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the East Chicago Common Council directs the City Clerk to transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, Congressman Peter Visclosky, Senator Joseph Donnelly and Senator Todd Young to encourage those persons to see that the objects and purpose of this "Sense of the East Chicago Common Council" are achieved.

Adopted this 12 day of March, 2018.

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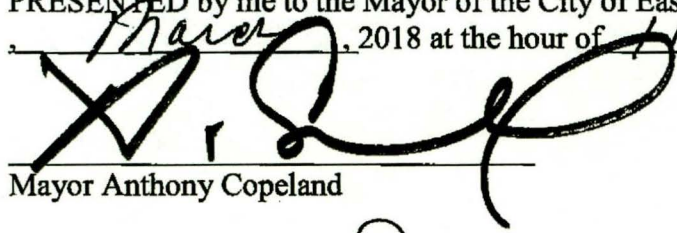
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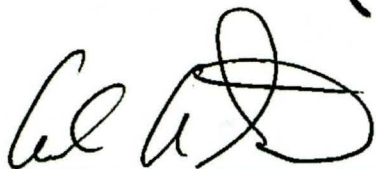
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Adrian A. Santos, City Clerk

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of East Chicago, Indiana on the 13 day of March, 2018 at the hour of 11 o'clock AM.

  
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Mayor Anthony Copeland

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Adrian A. Santos, City Clerk

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September 4, 2018

Mr. Rich Medina  
President  
East Chicago Common Council  
4525 Indianapolis Boulevard  
East Chicago, Illinois 46312

Dear Mr. Medina:

Thank you for your March 15, 2018 letter to President Trump. The White House referred your letter to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and Secretary Nielsen asked that I respond on her behalf.

We are in receipt of your resolution in support for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. The resolution was forwarded to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), which administers Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). As you know, on September 5, 2017, former Acting Secretary Duke announced the termination of DACA after the Attorney General advised it is unlawful. However, several courts have intervened and issued preliminary and permanent injunctions that currently keep portions of DACA policy in place. Due to ongoing litigation, DHS is unable to comment further at this time.

Thank you again for sharing your resolution. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "LFC", followed by a horizontal line.

L. Francis Cissna  
Director