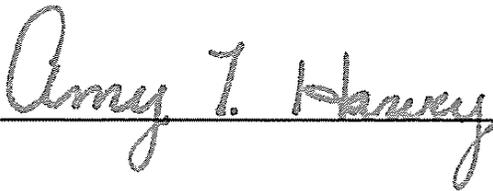


I, Amy T. Harvey, Deputy Town Clerk of the Town of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of (2017-09-13/R-0.1) adopted by the Chapel Hill Town Council on September 13, 2017.

This the 14th day of September, 2017.



**Amy T. Harvey
Deputy Town Clerk**



A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CHAPEL HILL RESIDENTS WHO ARE BENEFICIARIES OF DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA) AND THE COMMITMENT OF TOWN RESOURCES FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE (2017-09-13/R-0.1)

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill is a welcoming community and supports its immigrant residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has supported efforts to seek comprehensive reform of national immigration law and policy; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2012, the US Department of Homeland Security established the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which provides to certain immigrants who entered the United States before the age of 16 years a two-year renewable period of deferred action on deportation and eligibility to request employment authorization; and

WHEREAS, approximately 800,000 immigrants have benefited from DACA, including more than 22,000 current beneficiaries who reside in North Carolina, the eighth highest number in the nation; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2017 the Trump Administration announced that the Department of Homeland Security will initiate a phase-out of the DACA program; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security is no longer accepting initial requests for DACA and will only adjudicate DACA renewal requests received by October 5, 2017, from beneficiaries whose benefits expire between September 5, 2017, and March 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the filing fee to request DACA is \$495 and cannot be waived; and

WHEREAS, DACA beneficiaries whose benefits expire after March 5, 2018, are ineligible for renewal and may be subject to deportation; and

WHEREAS, market-rate legal services are unaffordable to many persons, even those above the federal poverty limit, so many must rely on nonprofit service providers; and

WHEREAS, the harshening of federal immigration policy and the coarsening of rhetoric about immigrants by public officials at state and federal levels may result in an increasingly urgent need for legal services and other forms of assistance for immigrant communities; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein has joined attorneys general from 14 other states and the District of Columbia in a lawsuit challenging the rescission of DACA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council asks the Town Manager to identify possible Town funds and other Town resources,(including, but not limited, to Town staff time) and, funding partners which could be

made available to support El Centro Hispano and other organizations which are assisting DACA beneficiaries in Chapel Hill with costs related to the rescission of DACA, renewal fees for DACA beneficiaries whose benefits may expire in the coming months, and referral to legal services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council asks the Town Manager to make space available in the Town Library and other Town facilities, as possible and needed, for information sessions which El Centro Hispano and other agencies may schedule on the DACA program to assist local residents in need of help with preparation of DACA renewal requests and other related services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council that the Council asks the Town Manager to report to the Council the details of the implementation of this resolution and to make recommendations for its implementation that would require further Council action, including any budget amendments that may be required, no later than the Council's first business meeting in November.

This the 13th day of September, 2017.