

**THE UNDERGRADUATE SENATE  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL**

**USR-99-140**

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT DACA**

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26 SEP 2017	INTRODUCED BY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE ECHEVERRIA
26 SEP 2017	PLACED ON THE INTRODUCTIONS OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS
26 SEP 2017	140 PASSED BY FULL STUDENT SENATE
04 OCT 2017	140 PASSED THROUGH JOINT GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

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**WHEREAS**, *The Code of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors* guarantees equal protection and nondiscrimination “against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status” (*The Code of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors* Section 103),

**WHEREAS**, The University of North Carolina (UNC) under its Policy on Non-Discrimination guarantees protection to all students receiving public funding regardless of race, color, or national origin (Civil Rights Act of 1964 Title VI Sec. 601),

**WHEREAS**, The Student Body Constitution empowers the legislative bodies of student government to pass all legislation “necessary and proper to promote the general welfare of the student body” (Article IV, section 8 of GPSF),

**WHEREAS**, The University of North Carolina system educates some of North Carolina’s 27,000 recipients of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) “Dreamers,”

**WHEREAS**, Some students enrolled at UNC under DREAMER status continue their educations at UNC in the 2017-2018 school year,

**WHEREAS**, It is the UNC policy on student protection to “create a welcoming and safe environment for individuals visiting University property or participating in University programs,


**WHEREAS**, The University policy on privacy extends to all active students,

**WHEREAS**, The interruption of the student body due to changes in federal policy affecting immigration status is detrimental to the stability and continued well-being of enrolled said student body;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL THAT:** the attached statement (Appendix A) insisting the protection of all UNC students including those with DREAMER status be approved as the formal position of the (\_\_\_\_\_).

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall be forwarded to the Joint Governance Council for consideration as Joint Legislation;


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, upon approval as Joint Legislation by the Joint Governance Council, the attached statement shall be sent to the following parties to encourage them to stand along with students in support of the just protection and equal support of all UNC students including those of DREAMER status:

- (1) Senators Richard Burr and Thom Tillis, Margaret Spellings, Carol Folt, Representative David Price, Representative Verla Insko, Senator Valerie Foushee, University of North Carolina Board of Governors, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Board of Trustees


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** (that the above list be split between legislators and university employees)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** (that this legislation and memorandum be copied and lobbied for at other UNC branches?)

Done by the Undergraduate Senate on this 4 day of October, 2017.



*Katharine M. Shriver*  
*Speaker, 99<sup>th</sup> Undergraduate Senate*

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## Appendix A.

### Statement in support of DACA

To *Whom It May Concern;*

In the preamble of The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Student Constitution, it is stated that the goal of UNC Student Government is “to preserve order, make personal freedom secure, establish justice, and win a lasting opportunity for responsible individual and collective action.” The Graduate and Professional Student Federation and Undergraduate Student Government strive to secure justice, freedom, and lasting opportunity for UNC Students. We condemn the President's decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program as antithetical to this mission, and offer our support to all people impacted by this decision. It is both morally bankrupt and unconstitutional to deny some members of our community equal rights and protections, and the UNC Student Government will call out policies on the local, state, and federal level that we see as such. We appreciate the words of Chancellor Folt in the aftermath of this decision, committing our University to student protections and pledging support for the DACA program. With that in mind, we ask that the University and UNC System act as the guarantors of non-discrimination and uphold the equal protection of students as outlined in *The Code of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors Section 103* and the *Civil Rights Act of 1964 Title VI Section 601*. To make it easier to fulfill that duty, the UNC-Chapel Hill Student Government has come up with a number of ways this University and University System can protect its students as follows:

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- Continuation of the policy of non-collection of information regarding immigration status/documentation status by the North Carolina Department of Public Safety and UNC-Chapel Hill Police
- University action beyond words in support of undocumented students, including financial support for students facing DACA renewal fees required by United States Citizenship and Immigration

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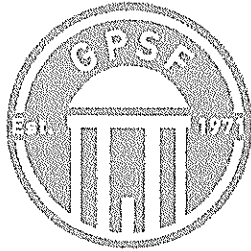
- UNC Campus Health offering prolonged free counseling services beyond the six to eight maximum counseling sessions to those who are impacted or have family/friends impacted by the DACA decision
- The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Administration and UNC System Administration should make an active push to the North Carolina government and United States federal regarding making UNC-Chapel Hill a “sanctuary campus”
- Provide opportunities for pro-bono legal counsel and representation via UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law for any students facing deportation or any action regarding their immigration status otherwise

This is the initial list of ways that Student Government believes that we can best support the students our administration has committed themselves to protect in light of this immoral decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. As the representation of the student body at UNC-Chapel Hill, we commit ourselves to fighting tirelessly on behalf of our Carolina community and we challenge our administration to do the same. National origin, immigration status, or documentation status are not the defining factors for what is an “American” or even a “Tar Heel”, and we must fight any policies that attempt to discriminate against individuals based on an aspect of their identity or background. We look forward to a response from the UNC-Chapel Hill Administration and UNC System Administration regarding our ideas, and are eager to see how you choose to fight for the protection of students at this University.

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Sincerely,

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