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A resolution by Supervisors West, Dimitrijevic, Nicholson, and Taylor (2), stating Milwaukee County’s opposition to the President of the United States’ decision to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, by recommending adoption of the following:

AN ORIGINAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which currently protects nearly 800,000 undocumented immigrants from deportation, was created by President Barack Obama and allows immigrants brought to the United States of America (U.S.) as children to remain in the country; and

WHEREAS, the DACA program grants two-year stays and work permits to undocumented immigrants brought to the U.S. before their 16th birthday who have attended school or joined the military and have not committed any serious crimes; and

WHEREAS, a recent national survey of 3,063 DACA holders found that on average, DACA holders were six years old when they arrived in the U.S. and more than half (54 percent) were under the age of seven; and

WHEREAS, many undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children have become taxpaying adults and productive members of society who have families of their own and contribute to the American economy; and

WHEREAS, many people who arrived in the U.S. as children do not know any other home or have a place to return to if they were to face deportation, and their families would be ripped apart; and

WHEREAS, more than 97 percent of the people who were brought into the U.S. as children are in school or working, and 5 percent are entrepreneurs who have started their own businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, at its meeting of September 22, 2017, recommended rejection of File No. 17-656 (vote 2-1); and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, at its meeting of September 28, 2017, adopted File No. 17-656 (vote 14-1); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors opposes the decision by the President of the United States of America (U.S.) to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon adoption, the Office of Government Affairs is authorized and requested to deliver a copy of this resolution to the President of the U.S., all members of Wisconsin's Congressional Delegation, the heads of all appropriate Federal agencies, all members of the Wisconsin Legislature, and the Governor of Wisconsin.

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