

1 RESOLUTION R-2017-

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE LONGMONT CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE EXTENSION
3 OF THE DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA) PROGRAM

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5 THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGMONT, COLORADO, RESOLVES:

6 Section 1

7 A. The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), provides employment
8 authorization and protection from deportation for undocumented immigrants who entered the
9 United States before they turned 16, has benefitted nearly 742,000 undocumented youth since it
10 began in 2012, and has significant bipartisan support; and

11 B. The ability for youth to live and work in their communities without fear of
12 deportation is the foundation of sound, responsible immigration policy and has allowed these
13 young people to participate in and contribute to our country, our cities and our economies. We in
14 Longmont have found DACA recipients to be important and well-respected members of our
15 community, and many Longmont businesses depend upon them as valued employees; and

16 C. DACA is good for our nation's economy with DACA recipients employed by
17 American businesses and six percent of DACA recipients having started their own businesses,
18 leading to higher wages and better economic outcomes. DACA recipients contribute 15.3 percent
19 of their wages to taxes, which fund Social Security and Medicare, and DACA recipients are
20 investing in assets like houses, and starting new businesses, bringing significant tax revenue to
21 cities and states; and

22 D. The economic cost to ending this program for Colorado's 17,000 participants
23 would have a total economic impact of an estimated \$3,520,000,000 over the next ten years; and

1 E. The Armed Forces rely on DACA applicants to serve through Military Accessions
2 Vital to the National Interest (MAVNI), which enlists individuals fluent in critical languages or
3 possessing medical professional skills essential to our national defense; and

4 F. The threatening rhetoric being used by the current administration is causing
5 uncertainty and fear that threatens the future of these young people who have come forward and
6 entrusted the government with their information.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
8 OF LONGMONT, COLORADO:

9 Section 2

10 That because our community has historically come together in the face of great
11 challenges, we call on all governmental, business and nonprofit agencies and institutions in
12 Longmont as well as our surrounding municipalities and counties, to come together to urge the
13 Trump Administration to keep the DACA program in place, ensuring protection of these young
14 people.

15 Section 3

16 That the City of Longmont calls on the Colorado Delegation, Congress and the President
17 to demonstrate your commitment to the American economy and the ideals of our nation by
18 continuing DACA until Congress modernizes our immigration system and provides a more
19 permanent form of relief for these individuals.

20 The Council repeals all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution,
21 but only to the extent of such inconsistency.

1 Passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2017.

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MAYOR

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12 CITY CLERK

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30 ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

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