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RESOLUTION 2017-02

A Resolution of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland to call on Congress to protect the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and reject any initiatives that will separate immigrant families.

WHEREAS, the City of Hyattsville is committed to and maintains a long history of supporting, celebrating, and empowering immigrants and refugees, many of whom are escaping war and natural disasters, regardless of their immigration status; and

WHEREAS, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) is a form of immigration status created by Congress in 1990 that provides employment authorization and protection from deportation for foreign nationals who cannot safely return to their home countries; and

WHEREAS, in light of the Trump Administration's radical increase of anti-immigrant enforcement through executive orders, funding requests and policy guidance, the continued existence of TPS is very much at risk; and

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration is currently deciding whether to terminate the Temporary Protected status for all current TPS holders, more than 434,588 people including 263,000 people from El Salvador, the source country of the largest number of immigrants in the region; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that ending TPS for immigrants from El Salvador, Honduras, and Haiti would result in a more than \$6.9 billion reduction to Social Security and Medicare Contributions over a decade, and the deportation of these individuals would cost taxpayers more than \$3.1 Billion Dollars; TPS holders are home and Business owners, in outstanding legal standing; and

WHEREAS, TPS holders have significantly high levels of labor force participation: 94.0% of men and 82.1% are working, with 83.3% of men and 54.9% of women working more than 40 hours per week; and

WHEREAS, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA or Dreamers) is a form of immigration status for young immigrants who were brought to the United States at a young age, are attending school or have successfully completed their education, and successfully passed background checks. The program has allowed young immigrants to work and study and has protected them from deportation; and

WHEREAS, DACA has been a resounding success. Nearly 800,000 young men and women have been able to contribute to their communities, to work, go to school and to live their lives without fear of being ripped away from their families and from a country they consider home; and

WHEREAS, Maryland has over 9,700 Dreamers who have deep roots throughout the State, including in the City of Hyattsville, and if immigrant with DACA status are not provided with an

1 alternate option to legalize their status, Maryland will lose more than \$500 million annually in Gross
2 Domestic Product; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, the City of Hyattsville recognizes the overwhelmingly positive contribution
5 that TPS holders and Dreamers have on our economy, social fabric, diversity and the well-being of
6 our community.

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8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Hyattsville, Maryland hereby
9 supports the Temporary Protected Status program and calls on the Department of Homeland Security
10 to continue the TPS program and support refugees escaping war, natural disasters and crime; and

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12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Hyattsville supports a permanent solution
13 for TPS and DACA beneficiaries to obtain a legal permanent status with a pathway to citizenship
14 and calls on Congress to expeditiously adopt legislation that would permanently legalize the status
15 of DACA and TPS holders, and those that fulfill similar criteria, including a pathway to citizenship;
16 and

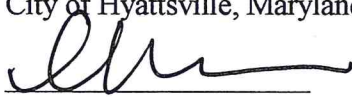
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18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Hyattsville urges all City residents and
19 businesses to urge the Department of Homeland Security and Congress to protect TPS and DACA
20 holders; and

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22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Administrator be and hereby is requested to
23 forward a suitably engrossed copy of this Resolution to the Acting Secretary of the Department of
24 Homeland Security, Maryland Senator Ben Cardin, Maryland Senator Chris Van Hollen,
25 Congressman Anthony G. Brown, Congressman Steny Hoyer, State Senator Paul Pinsky, State
26 Senator Victor Ramirez, County Executive Rushern Baker, III, County Councilmember Deni
27 Taveras, and State Delegates Diana Fennell, Tawanna Gaines, Anne Healey, Carlo Sanchez, Jimmy
28 Tarlau and Alonzo Washington.

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30 READ AND PASSED THIS 2nd day of October, 2017.

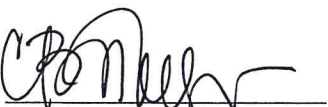
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33 ATTEST/WITNESS:

34 10/2/17
35 Date

City of Hyattsville, Maryland
By: 
Laura Reams
Clerk, City of Hyattsville

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City of Hyattsville, Maryland
By: 
Candace B. Hollingsworth
Mayor, City of Hyattsville