**Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF IMMIGRANTS BROUGHT AS CHILDREN (DACA) AND COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM**

**WHEREAS,** the Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County supports the rights of the immigrant community in Mecklenburg County, the State of North Carolina, and the United States of America, and recognizes the many contributions of immigrants to our communities, including those brought into this country as minors through no fault of their own and are now contributing members of our society; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** President Barack Obamaissued an Executive Order in June of 2012 specifically to address undocumented minors brought into the country with no status called Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) affecting approximately two million people, and allowing them a special legal status by which they could obtain a work permit, a driver’s license, and a social security number while being protected from deportation;

**WHEREAS,** President Barack Obama in 2014 proposed to issue another Executive Order to protect parents of DACA recipients and other immigrants called Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (**DAPA**), sometimes called Deferred Action for Parental Accountability to grant deferred action status to approximately five million undocumented immigrants who have lived in the United States since 2010 and have children who are legal permanent residents or US citizens, and this action was stopped at the courts;

**WHEREAS,** following a campaign promise by then candidate Donald Trump, the DACA protections were terminated by his administration on September 2017, leaving all those that filed and are benefiting of the DACA status in a world of uncertainty, and even though there remain legal challenges to the cancellation of the DACA protections, minors, students and their families live in constant fear and anxiety;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County asks our local, state, and federal elected officials to actively work to protect all immigrants, documented or not, and to offer specificlegislation to grant citizenship to DACA and DAPA individuals and support comprehensive immigration reform for the millions of undocumented people now in the United States, most of which have been law abiding and contributing members to this country for ten, twenty, and more years;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County will present this Resolution at the Mecklenburg County Democratic Party Convention for approval and further remittance to the North Carolina Democratic Party Convention, and further presentation to the Congress, Senate and President of the United States of America.

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