

## **2020 Platform Resolution PACG Civil Rights Forum**

### **Issue: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)**

Whereas the Obama Administration established the DACA program by Executive order and the Trump Administration ended the DACA program by Executive order;

Whereas DACA recipients were brought to this country by their parents at an age when they could not participate in the decision;

Whereas United States law does not punish children for the actions of their parents;

Whereas many DACA recipients have few ties to their country of origin, often an inability to speak the language, would be immersed in a culture foreign to them and have no legal status in the country of their parents' origin;

Whereas before entry into the DACA program the applicants were carefully vetted by the United States government to preclude criminals or other undesirables;

Whereas DACA recipients have proven to be outstanding community members, have gone on to school, joined the military, become home and business owners, paying taxes and otherwise contributing to the economic life of the community;

Whereas DACA recipients trusted the United States with their contact information when they applied for the program, putting them as well as their parents at risk of deportation, it would be a betrayal of that trust to deport them or their parents;

Whereas similar undocumented immigrant children can no longer apply for the program now ended; now, be it

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*Resolved*, that

1. The United States Congress establish the DACA program by law, and
  - a. Extend the program to those who would have been eligible if the Trump Administration had not ended the program.
  - b. Provide a path to citizenship to all DACA recipients.
2. Iowa, and other states, should grant DACA recipients, and those who should have been DACA recipients if the Trump Administration had not ended the program, access to in-state tuition at state universities, driver's licenses, and work permits, to enable them to continue their contributions to the United States.

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