COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Michigan State University

Resolution: 16-FS-21

Title: A Resolution in support of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and DREAMers

Introduced by: President Jordan Introduced on: 12/5/16

Supported by: Representative Farley

THE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACTS:

WHEREAS, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), an executive action signed by President Barack Obama in 2012, allows temporary benefits such as work authorization to over 700,000 undocumented immigrants that were brought to the United States of America as children; and,

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WHEREAS, Temporary protected status (TPS) is a benefit administered by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services that provides certain temporary rights to nationals of selected countries "due to conditions in the country that temporarily prevent the country's nationals from returning safely," and TPS is particularly vulnerable to political changes and changes in administration due to its temporary nature, and the requirement that each country's eligibility for TPS is required to be revisited every 18 months; and,

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RECOGNIZING, The recent threats to immigrant communities, including the expected repeal of DACA in 2017 means undocumented students will need additional support, and students with TPS or other groups at risk of being targeted may also need additional support; therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED, The Council of Graduate Students at MSU joins many of our peer-institutions in the Association of American Universities (AAU) in adopting a standing policy to support the safety, inclusion and full participation of members of the undocumented, TPS, and other communities, and their families at Michigan State University; and,

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That COGS continues to provide the renewable financial resource to maintain the DREAMers ACT Grant passed by resolution (16-SS-21) to provide funds for application fees, campus visits, testing fees, course materials, and supportive stipends for work related training;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall take effect at the conclusion of the Full Council Meeting in which it is adopted.

INTRODUCED ON: December 7, 2016

VOTE TOTALS:

AGAINST

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Recording Secretary

President