

**Resolution of the Board of Governors
California Community Colleges
No. 2017-04**

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges is the nation's largest post-secondary education system in the country and is committed to serving all residents, regardless of immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges Board of Governors is unwavering in its support and promotion of programs, initiatives and policies designed to instill values associated with community and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, California is home to 223,000 people who are participating in the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program that provides eligible immigrant youth who came to the United States as children protection from deportation and work authorization if they meet stringent conditions; and

WHEREAS, California's diversity is a great source of innovation and industry, making California one of the largest economies in the world and an economic engine for the United States; and

WHEREAS, The California Community Colleges' new Vision for Success notes that California must close a projected shortfall of college educated workers by 2030 if it is to remain economically competitive, and the Vision further articulates bold goals for increasing completion of certificates and degrees and transfer rates to four-year institutions; and

WHEREAS, Studies show that deporting all of the DACA recipients in the United States would cost the federal government \$60 billion and cause \$280 billion in losses to the U.S. economy over 10 years, according to the Cato Institute; and

WHEREAS, over the past nine months, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office has reassured students and colleges that our campuses will remain safe, welcoming places for students of all backgrounds to learn; informed them that no changes have been made with regard to admissions or financial aid; informed students that financial aid for certain undocumented students is protected by state law; called on then President-elect Donald J. Trump to preserve DACA; and joined with the University of California, the California State University and the California Community Colleges to defend the right of all students to obtain a higher education in California; and

WHEREAS, On Sept. 5, 2017, President Donald J. Trump's administration announced plans to eliminate the DACA program after a six-month pause to allow Congress to address the issue; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the California Community Colleges Board of Governors declares that it remains steadfastly in support of DACA recipients and other undocumented students in the California Community College system, and calls on Congress to immediately and permanently preserve the DACA program and further work toward comprehensive immigration reform, so that all of our students can realize their full potential and continue to make meaningful contributions to their communities and the state of California.

Dated: September 18, 2017

Cecilia V. Estolano, President
Board of Governors
California Community Colleges