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The Academic Senate of Sierra College

Title: In Support of DACA Students and Recipients
Resolution Number: 2017-02

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 their immigration status;

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;

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;

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;

WHEREAS, The California Community College's 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;

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;

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 students that no changes have been made with regard to admissions or financial aid; informed them that financial aid for certain undocumented students is protected by state law; called on



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then President-elect Donald 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;

WHEREAS, On September 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; and

WHEREAS, Sierra College has a history of recognizing inequities and honoring diversity, establishing the Standing Guard Garden and Publication in order to honor persons of Japanese heritage who were removed from their classrooms, businesses and homes, and interned in California during World War II—lest we forget; be it

RESOLVED that the Sierra College Academic Senate stands allied with the California Community Colleges Board of Governors in declaring 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.