**Reclaiming the Promise of the American DREAM for ALL**

***Students, Educators and Families Working Together on DACA & DAPA Implementation***

WHEREAS, our college and university campuses should be safe havens that embrace all students and families, regardless of citizenship and national origin; and

WHEREAS, Insert name of College/University should reaffirm its commitment to making our campus a safe, welcoming place of learning and growth for all students; and

WHEREAS, every year, 65,000 undocumented students graduate from high school in the United States. Only 5-10 percent of them go on to college—compared with 75 percent of their classmates who are citizens or have other documented status.

WHEREAS, DREAMers have done everything our society has asked them to do. They have worked hard, played by the rules and want to pursue a college education. Yet because of their immigration status, they are barred from financial aid, student loans, most scholarships and are relegated to a life in the underground economy.

WHEREAS, these are our students and future leaders—and they are being punished for an act they had absolutely no control over. Like generations of immigrants before them, DREAMers were brought to this country by their parents and relatives who were seeking a better life here in America.

WHEREAS, many children born in the United States are denied their birthright to grow up in a country where they receive a quality public education and have access to nutrition and quality care because they are held in ICE detention centers with their undocumented parents and sometimes get deported with them; and

WHEREAS, the human impact of deportations is incalculable—tearing families apart, interrupting children’s education and school attendance, and disrupting communities and workplaces throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, laws that deny children access to higher education generate fear, institutionalize racial profiling and encourage discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate solution to our national immigration crisis is congressional action on the federal DREAM Act and comprehensive immigration reform with a realistic pathway to citizenship for all aspiring Americans; and

WHEREAS, immigration is a federal responsibility and a comprehensive national approach to solve our broken immigration system would strengthen the economy of our community and of our country; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of congressional action, President Obama exercised his executive powers in June 2012 to create the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which has enjoyed broad public support as over 750,000 DREAMers have been granted administrative relief; and

WHEREAS, after Congress again repeatedly failed to act, President Obama exercised his executive authority again in November 2014 to expand the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and create the Deferred Action for Parents of American Born Citizens and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA)—actions that have the potential to benefit 5 million aspiring Americans, including many in our community; and

WHEREAS, these executive actions are a step in the right direction to secure our borders, grow our economy, and strengthen our communities; and

WHEREAS, students, parents, faculty and educators, administrative support staff and other service providers play a critical role in helping to inform and assist eligible students and family members apply for DACA and DAPA; and

WHEREAS, rather than being punished for their immigration status, students and their families should be recognized for their sacrifice, hard work, determination and contributions that strengthen our institution and our community;

WHEREAS, we hope to see the day when the students we welcome at the Insert name of College/University will *all* be equally embraced in our society and our community, so that the principles that guide our higher education mission—equality, inclusion and tolerance—are reflected in the laws that govern our country and in the way we treat one another; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, Insert name of College/University affirms its commitment to work with Insert name of AFT Local educators, administrative support staff, students and parents to support the rights, dignity, respect and education of all students and their families; and

RESOLVED, Insert name of College/University will work with partners on campus and in the community to implement DACA and DAPA programs by hosting educational forums and clinics—to educate students and their families about potential administrative relief; and

RESOLVED, when the application and guidelines are released by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Insert name of College/University’s administration will pursue all options to assist eligible students and their families to apply for DACA and DAPA relief envisioned by President Obama’s executive actions; and

RESOLVED, Insert name of College/University urges Congress to pass a permanent solution to fix our broken immigration system; and

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of Congress representing the

interests of our institution and the students and families we serve.