



**Proclamation No. 17-1011
Recognizing the Importance of DACA and Dreamers to Denver, Colorado, and the
United States**

WHEREAS, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals or DACA, has allowed more than 17,000 young Coloradans who have lived in the United States since their childhood to live, go to school and work legally in the country; and

WHEREAS, nearly 800,000 young people across the nation are better able to contribute to their families and communities because of the protections instituted through DACA; and

WHEREAS, ending DACA will cost Colorado more than \$856.9 million in annual GDP losses and will remove an estimated 685,000 workers from the United States' workforce resulting in a loss of \$460.3 billion from the national GDP over the next decade; and

WHEREAS, our Senators Michael Bennett and Cory Gardner have agreed to be co-sponsors of the bipartisan Dream Act that would provide certainty for law-abiding Dreamers; and

WHEREAS, 78% of American voters support giving Dreamers a legitimate pathway to citizenship and permanent residence in the country.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Denver City Council calls on Congress to use the next six months to craft a bill that reflects the desires of the majority of American people by providing a permanent, positive solution to the status of Dreamers, individuals who were brought to this country as children, have grown up in America and are contributing members to our society.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 11, 2017

_____ PRESIDENT