WHEREAS Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is an Obama administration immigration policy started in 2012 to allow qualified illegal immigrants who entered the United States as minors to receive deferred action from deportation and eligibility to receive work permits; and

WHEREAS DACA has protected nearly 800,000 minors and young adults; and

WHEREAS Individuals under DACA, commonly referred to as Dreamers or DACAmented immigrants, have been able to leave the shadows of unauthorized immigration to obtain employment and study in institutions of higher education; and

WHEREAS A study by Morning Consult and Politico found that nearly 8 in 10 voters approve of allowing Dreamers to remain permanently in the country; and

WHEREAS A study by the Center for American Progress found that 92% of Dreamers currently in school are pursuing an education because of DACA that they previously could not have done; and

WHEREAS the same above study concluded that removing DACA status to its recipients would result in a loss of $460 billion from the country’s GDP; and

WHEREAS A letter by 11 State Attorney Generals, including Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt, was sent in June to Attorney General of the United States Jeff Sessions urging the Trump administration to terminate the DACA program; and

WHEREAS Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced on 05 September, 2017 that the program will be terminated by President Trump and left to Congress to decide further action; and

WHEREAS DACA students at Wichita State University have contributed enormously to the vitality, leadership, and civic engagement of this community; and

WHEREAS DACA students at hundreds of campuses across the nation have shown themselves to be hard-working, responsible, dignified, and upstanding members of their community; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Wichita State University Student Government Association implores that Congress allow DACA to be kept in place; and

BE IT RESOLVED that Wichita State University Student Government Association implores that Congress swiftly and steadily find a more permanent solution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Wichita State University Student Government Association supports and defends its DACAmented students, and all students in this nation, their right to education and employment without fear of deportation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be forwarded with respect to Dr. John Bardo, President of the University; Dr. Teri Hall, Vice President for Student Affairs; Andrew Schlapp, Executive Director of Government Relations, Jerry Moran, United States Senator from Kansas; Pat Roberts, United States Senator from Kansas; Ron Estes, Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Kansas's 4th district; and the Sunflower, the Student Newspaper of Wichita State University; and The Wichita Eagle, the newspaper serving the Greater-Wichita Metropolitan area.

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