

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS AND  
DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS RECIPIENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the US Department of Homeland Security may grant temporary protected status (TPS), including employment authorization and protection from deportation, to immigrants in the United States who are unable to return safely to their home countries because of violence, natural disaster, or other extraordinary conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the US Department of Homeland Security is currently studying whether to end protections for Hondurans and Salvadorans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center for American Progress estimates there are 23,500 TPS holders from El Salvador and Honduras in Virginia, who have 21,200 American-born children, and who are integral members of communities across the state, including Harrisonburg; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 5, 2017, US Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program would end on March 5, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, DACA has allowed nearly 800,000 to work, go to school, contribute to their communities, and live their lives without fear of being separated from their families and from the country they consider home; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia has more than 12,000 DACA recipients with deep roots throughout the state, including many in the City of Harrisonburg; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Harrisonburg is committed to maintaining its long history of supporting, celebrating, and empowering immigrants and refugees, many of whom are escaping violence, natural disaster, or other extraordinary conditions.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City of Harrisonburg urges the United States Congress to expeditiously adopt legislation addressing the legal status of TPS holders and DACA recipients, keeping in mind the contributions these individuals have made to their communities and the effects their removal would have on the families, friends, and communities they would leave behind.

Approved this \_\_\_\_ day of January, 2018

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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DEPUTY CITY CLERK