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**University of Central Florida  
Fifty-Fourth Student Body Senate  
Proclamation 54-09**

[Proclamation celebrating the 10th anniversary of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)]

**WHEREAS**, Senate Rule 2.04(G)(1) states that the Student Body Advocacy (SBA) Committee shall pass measures advocating on behalf of the student body regarding student and university affairs at the University of Central Florida (UCF);  
**WHEREAS**, Senate Rule 5.01(D)(1) states that Proclamations are defined as measures recognizing, celebrating, or condemning extraordinary events, organizations, or individuals on behalf of all Student Government Agents;  
**WHEREAS**, On June 15, 2012, President Obama created a policy called Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), calling for deferred action for certain undocumented young people who came to the U.S. as children;  
**WHEREAS**, DACA allowed undocumented immigrants who arrived in the United States at a young age to become eligible for a work permit, a Social Security card, a driver's license, and deferred deportation;  
**WHEREAS**, The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy has made it possible for countless immigrants to get a post-secondary education and unlock the potential only a post-secondary education could grant;  
**WHEREAS**, Applications to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services began on August 15, 2012;  
**WHEREAS**, According to a USCIS report, there are over 590,000 DACA recipients as of June 30th, 2021;  
**WHEREAS**, Currently, the DACA program is not allowed to accept new applications. The most recent court decision ruled that the Obama administration did not have the authority to create the program and that Congress must decide to create a permanent solution towards a pathway to citizenship;  
**WHEREAS**, DACA has eased many of the burdens that undocumented students face in higher education— from gaining access to work legally to pay for tuition, be able to take part in internships, being able to work legally for higher wages, to added job security after graduation.  
**WHEREAS**, According to a 2021 report by the New American Economy, More than 450,000 (approximately 2% of all students) undocumented students are enrolled in higher education; 87% of DACA-eligible students are enrolled in undergraduate programs, and 13% of DACA-eligible students are enrolled in graduate-level programs;  
**WHEREAS**, Florida has the third-highest number of undocumented students in higher education population with 42,000 students;  
**WHEREAS**, The University of Central Florida has committed to creating a space for immigrant and undocumented youth by partnering with TheDream.US, the nation's largest college access and success program; and  
**WHEREAS**, According to the University of Central Florida, in 2020, eighty (80) students were pursuing their degrees through TheDream.US Scholarship.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Fifty-Fourth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida celebrates the June 15th, 2022 as the 10th anniversary of the introduction of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and August 15th 2022 as the 10th anniversary of when USCIS began to take applications;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the UCF Student Government commits to supporting and acknowledging the concerns of undocumented students at the University of Central Florida; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Proclamation be sent to President Alexander Cartwright, Multicultural Academic and Support Services (MASS) Director Wayne Johnson, Multicultural Academic and Support Services (MASS) Assistant Director Josefina Rosario, Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Dr. Andrea Guzmán, Social Justice and Advocacy Director Justin Andrade, We are Here @UCF, UCF Immigrant Justice Center, UCF Refugee and Immigrant Education Initiative, Orlando Center for Justice, HOPE Community Center, El Consulado de Mexico en Orlando, Florida Immigrant Coalition, and Florida Student Power Network.

## AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES

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