

1 **EA R8: In Support of DACA Students & Foreign Nationals at**
2 **Cornell University**

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4 **Abstract:** This resolution is a formal endorsement by the Employee Assembly to declare its intent
5 to provide support to our undocumented students under the Deferred Action of Children Arrivals
6 program (DACA) and foreign national persons at the university.

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8 **Sponsored by:** Imani Allen, Student & Campus Life Representative; Linda Majani, Diversity
9 Representative; Pilar A. Thompson, International Representative

10 **Reviewed by:** Executive Committee, 12/21/2016

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12 **Whereas,** Cornell students, faculty, staff, and alumni have circulated a petition to make Cornell a
13 sanctuary campus; and

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15 **Whereas,** More than 2,000 Cornell students, faculty, staff, and alumni have already signed and
16 shown their support for the Cornell petition; and

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18 **Whereas,** Such petitions are also circulating at over 100 other colleges and universities across the
19 country; and

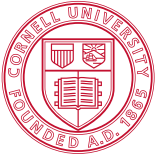
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21 **Whereas,** More than 90 college and university presidents and chancellors from across the U.S. have
22 already signed a statement calling for the continuation and expansion of the Deferred Action for
23 Childhood Action (DACA) program; and

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25 **Whereas,** Following the United States presidential election on November 8, 2016, there has been an
26 increase in the frequency of recorded events of discriminatory and hateful action against people of
27 color, queer people, immigrants, Muslims, and other historically marginalized people on and off
28 college campuses across the U.S.; and

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30 **Whereas,** The University's Equal Education and Employment Opportunity Statement declares that,
31 "No person shall be denied admission to any educational program or activity or be denied
32 employment on the basis of any legally prohibited discrimination involving, but not limited to, such
33 factors as race, color, creed, religion, national or ethnic origin, marital status, citizenship, sex, sexual
34 orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, or protected veteran status"; and

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36 **Whereas,** Interim President Rawlings has also announced continued support of DACA students
37 currently on Financial Aid, and a commitment to protect and enhance diversity on campus in a
38 campus-wide message on November 22, 2016; and

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40 **Whereas**, President Rawlings issued a statement on December 22, 2016 elaborating Cornell’s
41 commitment to DACA students regarding; Financial Support, Privacy Principles and Legal
42 Assistance; and
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44 **Whereas**, the White House announced an Executive Order on Jan. 27, 2017 that bars entry to the US
45 for 90 days for individuals from 7 countries: Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen;
46 halts the US Refugee Admissions program for 120 days; and
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48 **Whereas**, President Rawlings issued a statement on Jan. 29, 2017 reiterated Cornell continued
49 assistance and unwavering support to those affected by the Jan. 27 Executive Order;
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51 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the Employee Assembly endorses the sentiments expressed in the
52 petition, “Make Cornell a Sanctuary Campus,” and asks for the requests made in the petition to be
53 considered individually by the administration.
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55 **Be it further resolved**, that the Employee Assembly calls on the Cornell Administration to name and
56 or identify person(s) or office as a point of direct contact on campus that would assist with DACA
57 policies, procedures, and resources; to better assist Staff in providing support to DACA students at
58 Cornell University.
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60 **Adopted by Vote of the Assembly (_ - _), _____, 2016,**
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62 **Respectfully Submitted,**

63 Imani Allen, *Student & Campus Life Representative*

64 Linda Majani, *Diversity Representative*

65 Pilar A. Thompson, *International Representative*
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