

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2017 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-90-2017

Proposed by Council Members Taveras, Turner, Glaros and Franklin

Introduced by Council Members Taveras, Turner, Glaros, Franklin, Davis and Lehman

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction October 31, 2017

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Extension of Temporary Protected Status and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals
3 For the purpose of conveying the County Council’s support of extending temporary protected
4 status and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) for all affected groups.

5 WHEREAS, Prince George’s County, Maryland is home to a large immigrant population
6 that makes our community and our economy strong and vibrant; and

7 WHEREAS, Prince George’s County immigrant residents include tens of thousands of
8 individuals from El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Haiti, Syria and other countries around the
9 world who have been granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS) by the federal government; and

10 WHEREAS, nationwide, there are over 300,000 TPS holders, including 195,000
11 individuals from El Salvador, with a large concentration that reside in Prince George’s County;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, TPS provides protection from deportation and employment authorization to
14 individuals from countries that have experienced armed conflict, environmental disaster, or other
15 life-threatening conditions; and

16 WHEREAS, under federal law, TPS protections must be regularly renewed to remain in
17 effect; and

18 WHEREAS, TPS protections for nationals of El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Sudan,
19 and Somalia have been in place for approximately 20 years and TPS protections have recently
20 been extended to residents of Haiti and Syria following devastating natural and man-made
21 disasters in those countries; and

22 WHEREAS, the Trump Administration has indicated that it is strongly considering

1 declining to renew TPS, thereby placing hundreds of thousands of individuals at risk of
2 imminent deportation and depriving them of the means to make a living and support their
3 families; and

4 WHEREAS, TPS holders have developed deep ties to Prince George's County community,
5 raising families, starting businesses, buying homes, and making other valuable contributions to
6 our County; and

7 WHEREAS, conditions in TPS designated countries remain dangerous and unsafe such that
8 deportation to those countries would place individuals and their families at grave risk; and

9 WHEREAS, an end to TPS would harm the Prince George's County community by
10 throwing the lives of long-term County residents into chaos, separating parents from their
11 children, and damaging the local economy; and

12 WHEREAS, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA or Dreamers) is a form of
13 immigration status for young immigrants who were brought to the United States at a young age,
14 are attending school or have successfully completed their education, and successfully passed
15 background checks. The program has allowed young immigrants to work and study and has
16 protected them from deportation; and

17 WHEREAS, DACA has been a resounding success. Nearly 800,000 young men and women
18 have been able to contribute to their communities, to work, go to school and to live their lives
19 without fear of being ripped away from their families and from a country they consider home;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Maryland has over 9,700 Dreamers who have deep roots throughout the state,
22 including in Prince George's County, and if immigrant with DACA status are not provided with
23 an alternate option to legalize their status, Maryland will lose more than \$500 million annually in
24 Gross Domestic Product; and

25 WHEREAS, Prince George's County recognizes the overwhelmingly positive contribution
26 that TPS holders and Dreamers have on our economy, social fabric, diversity and the well-being
27 of our community.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
29 County, Maryland, that the County Council hereby calls upon President Trump and Department
30 of Homeland Security Secretary Elaine Duke to support refugees escaping war, natural disasters,
31 and violent crime and to renew TPS and DACA protections for all eligible individuals.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the County Council provides a copy of
2 this Resolution to:

- 3 Mitch McConnell, U.S. Senate Majority Leader
- 4 Charles E. Schumer, U.S. Senate Minority Leader
- 5 Benjamin L. Cardin, U.S. Senator for Maryland
- 6 Chris Van Hollen, U.S. Senator for Maryland
- 7 Paul D. Ryan, U.S. Speaker of the House
- 8 Congressman Steny H. Hoyer
- 9 Congressman Elijah Cummings
- 10 Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger
- 11 Congressman John Sarbanes
- 12 Congressman John Delaney
- 13 Congressman Anthony Brown
- 14 Congressman Jamie Raskin
- 15 Lawrence J. Hogan Jr., Governor, State of Maryland
- 16 Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller
- 17 House Speaker Michael E. Busch
- 18 Jim Rosapepe, Chair of the Prince George’s County Senate Delegation
- 19 Jay Walker, Chair of the Prince George’s County House Delegation.

20 Adopted this 14th day of November , 2017.

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BY: _____
Derrick Leon Davis
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Council