

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017 - 36**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE  
COUNTY OF SUMMIT  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF IMMIGRANTS IN SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO**

**WHEREAS**, immigrants play a vital role in our national, state, and local economies; and

**WHEREAS**, in the state of Colorado there are more than 500,000 immigrant residents who pay taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, Summit County's increase in ethnic diversity was reflected in the last census, wherein the non-white population increased 54.16% and persons of Hispanic origin now make up over 14% of the County's total permanent resident population; and

**WHEREAS**, Summit County is home to four ski areas and tourism is the backbone of our economy and the industry utilizes the H-1B and H-2B visa programs to fill necessary jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, Summit County celebrates the diversity and enrichments these individuals bring to our community and is proud to hold as one of its core values the opportunity for individuals to participate and succeed; and

**WHEREAS**, thirty-three percent of students enrolled in the Summit School District speak a primary language other than English; and

**WHEREAS**, there are thousands of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients in Colorado and a substantial number in Summit County and if DACA is rescinded could put the future of DACA youth in Summit County, Colorado at risk; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Summit County, Colorado supports an immigration system and policies that encourage opportunities that positively impact our economy, and recognizes that high skilled immigrants help to grow the economy, and that seasonal workers are needed to fill short term employment gaps.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT, STATE OF COLORADO:**

1. That the Board of County Commissioners recognizes the economic and community contributions immigrants have made for the people of Summit County.
2. That the Board of County Commissioners stands in support of Colorado's congressional delegation and encourages Congress to find a collaborative and rational approach to passing comprehensive immigration reform that reflects Summit County's principles on immigration that reinforce economic and community strength.

**ADOPTED THIS 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF MAY 2017.**

**COUNTY OF SUMMIT  
STATE OF COLORADO  
BY AND THROUGH ITS  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**



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Karn Stiegelmeier, Chair

**ATTEST:**

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Kathleen Neel, Clerk & Recorder