

RESOLUTION NO. 17

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A 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Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients in Colorado and a substantial number in Summit County and if DACA is rescinded could put the future of DACA youth in Summit County, Colorado at risk; and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, June of 2017 marks the second annual Immigrant Heritage Month in the United States, meant to honor the accomplishments and role of immigrants in shaping U.S. history and culture; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Breckenridge, 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 TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE, COLORADO:

Section 1. The Town Council recognizes the economic and community contributions immigrants have made for the people of Summit County.

Section 2. The Town Council 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 the Town Council's principles on immigration that reinforce economic and community strength.

Section 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

RESOLUTION APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 13TH DAY OF JUNE, 2017.

TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE

By: _____/s/_____
Eric S. Mamula, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____/s/_____
Helen Cospolich, CMC,
Town Clerk

APPROVED IN FORM

_____/s/_____
Town Attorney Date