



**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
(DHS) IMPLEMENTATION OF DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS
(DACA) AND STAY OF DEPORTATION**

Endorsed July 2014

WHEREAS, the Coalition of Bar Associations of Color (CBAC), organized in 1992, is a coalition created to act as a collective voice for issues of common concern to its member organizations; and

WHEREAS, the member organizations of the Coalition of Bar Associations of Color are the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), the National Bar Association (NBA), and the National Native American Bar Association (NNABA); and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is the federal agency that is responsible for protecting the national security of the United States of America and U.S. territories; and

WHEREAS, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is responsible for the enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) is responsible for providing customer service to those who seek to avail themselves of the benefits of the immigration laws of the United States; and

WHEREAS, DHS has limited resources to remove those who are present in the United States in violation of their immigration status; and

WHEREAS, DHS must prioritize the use of its enforcement personnel, detention space, and removal assets to ensure that the aliens it removes represent, as much as reasonably possible, the agency's enforcement priorities, namely the promotion of national security, border security, public safety, and the integrity of the immigration system; and

WHEREAS, DHS is confronted with more administrative violations of immigration law than its resources can address. DHS must regularly exercise "prosecutorial discretion" if it is to prioritize its efforts; and

WHEREAS, U.S. immigration law is not designed to be blindly enforced without consideration given to the individual circumstances of each case; and

WHEREAS, an enforcement priority of DHS should not be the removal of productive young people who pose no threat to the United States to countries where they may not have lived or spoken the language; and

WHEREAS, certain young people in violation of U.S. immigration law lacked the intent to violate the law and were brought to the United States as children (childhood arrivals); and

WHEREAS, DHS has established requirements for an individual to qualify for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and CIS has successfully implemented the DACA program; and

WHEREAS, ICE has the discretion to grant a stay of deportation to aliens who are not a high removal priority, especially where they do not have serious criminal convictions; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the United States to avoid the separation of families; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the United States to avoid the removal of noncitizens who contribute to the national economy; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the United States to avoid uprooting people who have made a life in our nation; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CBAC calls for full support of the CIS Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CBAC calls for increased grants of Deferred Action and Stays of Prosecution through the exercise of Prosecutorial Discretion by ICE; and

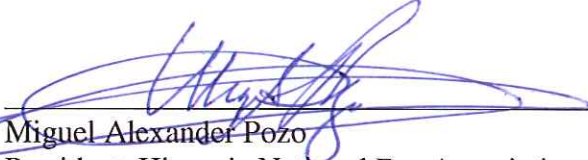
NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CBAC authorizes its officers and staff to communicate the content of this resolution to its members, affiliates, other bar associations, members of Congress, the Administration, the press, and others to take steps to implement this resolution, as they deem necessary; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution shall be the legislative priority of the Coalition of Bar Associations of Color until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION


WE, the duly-elected Presidents of the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), the National Bar Association (NBA), and the National Native American Bar Association (NNABA), hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly enacted by a duly noticed meeting of the Board of Directors.






 Miguel Alexander Pozo
 President, Hispanic National Bar Association

July 15, 2014
 Date



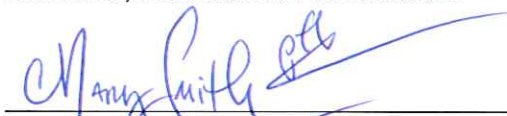
 William J. Simonitsch
 President, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association

July 15, 2014
 Date



 Patricia Rosier
 President, National Bar Association

July 15, 2014
 Date



 Mary Smith
 President, National Native American Bar Association

15 July 2014
 Date

