

RESOLUTION

Graduate and Professional Student Assembly – University of Minnesota

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Topic: In Support of the MN Dream Act

WHEREAS, According to data from the Pew Hispanic Center, there were an estimated 10,000 to 15,000 undocumented migrant children enrolled in K-12 education in Minnesota in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Most immigrant students were brought to this country as young children and have lived here almost their entire lives. They have no control over their immigration status; and

WHEREAS, These students have had to overcome numerous barriers in order to succeed; and

WHEREAS, The current proposed Minnesota Dream Act legislation will affect students that:

- Have attended high school within the state for at least 3 years
- Have graduated from a state high school or attained the equivalent of high school graduation
- Have registered and been accepted to a public college or university
- If need be, have signed an affidavit stating they are actively seeking to obtain their US citizenship; and

WHEREAS, The MN Dream Act would give them the same opportunity to excel as their classmates – no more and no less; and

WHEREAS, California, Texas, Washington, New York, Oklahoma, Illinois, Kansas, Utah, Nebraska, Mississippi and New Mexico have already passed such legislation; and

WHEREAS, This act has been already been implemented by eight states and has been passed by the Minnesotan Senate several times in the past; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That GAPSA strongly urges the University of Minnesota community to support the MN Dream Act.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That GAPSA strongly urges the expedited passage of the MN Dream Act.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That GAPSA strongly urges Governor Pawlenty to sign the MN Dream Act into law.