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May 29, 2018

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump, through words and actions, has cultivated tolerance for discrimination and other wrongful behavior towards immigrants, including but not limited to refugees and “DACA” children; and

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2018, President Trump referred to people attempting to immigrate to the United States of Americas as “animals,” and later tried to walk back and justify such ugly rhetoric by saying he was referring to violent gang members, although such language degrades the office of the President of the United States of America and President Trump does not use the word “animals” to describe violent white Americans; and

WHEREAS, on the same day, a New York City-based attorney engaged in verbal assaults on food service workers in a Manhattan eatery because they were speaking Spanish, he spewed hate speech based on their national origin and he threatened to report the individuals to Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2018, Roseanne Barr, celebrated by President Trump for her television show’s (now cancelled) high ratings “tweeted” racist and anti-Semitic epithets;

WHEREAS, the United States of America is, and always has been, a country of immigrants; and

WHEREAS, immigrants are always welcome, and in past, present, and future their contributions have made, and continue to make America great; and

WHEREAS, the degradation of our country is at risk with this president and the xenophobic and racist hate speech he spews and encourages;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Village Independent Democrats calls upon the U.S. Congress to take meaningful action in support of immigrants and their families and promptly pass meaningful immigration reform that is supportive of immigrants and their children, including but not limited to relief to save the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).