



DOOR COUNTY

Resolution No. 2017-64

**IN OPPOSITION TO THE ELIMINATION
OF THE J-1 VISA PROGRAM**

TO THE DOOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

ROLL CALL Board Members	Aye	Nay	Exc.
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D. ENGLEBERT			
R. ENGLEBERT			
ENIGL			
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WHEREAS, The J-1 visa program has a long track record of success, providing an enriching exchange experience to a diverse pool of college and university students from across the globe and;

WHEREAS, The program also plays an important role for local communities across the United States and;

WHEREAS, Many businesses in Door County are dependent on the program to meet their seasonal labor needs and;

WHEREAS, Many businesses in Door County already have a difficult time filling positions and;

WHEREAS, An estimated 440 students lived and worked in Door County this year, and;

WHEREAS, Potential economic losses including reduction in hours, salaries, potential close of businesses and loss of tourism revenue could result from the elimination of the program and;

WHEREAS, The program benefits local businesses and adds economic and cultural value to Door County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Door County Board of Supervisors opposes the elimination or any reduction of the J-1 visa program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the County Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, to all State legislators representing Door County constituents, to all Federal legislators representing Door County constituents, to Honorable Paul D. Ryan, Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, to the Wisconsin Counties Association and to all Wisconsin Counties.

BOARD ACTION

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

Motion to Approve: Adopted Defeated

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Yes: _____ No: _____ Exc: _____

Reviewed by: [Signature], Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by: [Signature], Administrator

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact to County of Door or its annual budget associated with the adoption of this resolution.
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Certification:

I, Jill M. Lau, Clerk of Door County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 24th day of October, 2017 by the Door County Board of Supervisors.

[Signature]
Jill M. Lau
County Clerk, Door County

SUBMITTED BY: LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

[Signature]
Susan Kohout, Chairman

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Helen Bacon

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Roy Englebert

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David Enigl

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Steve Sohns