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LAA Applauds Decision on Deferred Action for Undocumented Youth

ATLANTA (June 15, 2012) – The Latin American Association applauds the Department of Homeland Security’s announcement today that certain young people who were brought to the United States as children and meet key criteria will be eligible for deferred action status. An estimated 800,000 young people across the nation may be eligible to apply under this new policy, which also would allow many young people to seek work authorization.

The new policy of the Department of Homeland Security protects our resources and provides reasonable and humane relief for productive, law-abiding young people who have grown up in the United States. Many of these children consider the United States their home country and wish to continue their education, improve their lives, and contribute to society.

“This is a welcome decision by the administration to implement a fair and just policy on behalf of immigrant children who have lived most of their lives in the United States. On behalf of Latino and immigrant children in the state of Georgia, we celebrate this policy decision,” states Jeffrey Tapia, Executive Director of the Latin American Association.

For more information, please contact the Latin American Association at 404-638-1800 or visit www.thelaa.org.

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About The Latin American Association:

The Latin American Association helps Latino families achieve their aspirations for academic, social and economic advancement. We accomplish this through direct programs and integrated community partnerships that focus on youth academic achievement, education and prevention, and services to families with urgent needs. The LAA offers employment, immigration and translation services, as well as programs for youth, computer classes, parenting classes, and English and Spanish language classes. Visit www.thelaa.org for more information.