

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2018, Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced that all adults who arrive at the border would be prosecuted for illegal entry, even if they attempt to seek asylum; and

WHEREAS, this policy, which has never before been pursued, has resulted in parents being separated from their children; and

WHEREAS, at a May 24, 2018, Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, Customs and Border Protection informed Senator Feinstein that 658 children were taken from 638 parents during a 14-day period in May, an average of 47 children being taken from their parents each day; and

WHEREAS, this policy is the cruelest step the Trump Administration has taken to date in its ongoing targeting of migrants fleeing violence and coming to the United States seeking protection; and

WHEREAS, Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) introduced the "Keep Families Together Act" that would prohibit an agent or officer of the Department of Homeland Security from removing a child from his or her parent or legal guardian, at or near the port of entry or within 100 miles of the border of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the City of Los Angeles support any and all actions to end this cruel and inhumane policy that separates children from their parents when attempting to enter the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-18 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for the Keep Families Together Act (Feinstein), inasmuch as it would prohibit an agent or officer of the Department of Homeland Security from removing a child from his or her parent or legal guardian, at or near a United States border or port of entry.

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