

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE
RELEASE AND ASYLUM FOR UDOKA NWEKE**

WHEREAS, across the world LGBTQ people face discrimination, bigotry, hate and violence and in at least 74 countries, including Nigeria, where due to the 2014 Death To Gays law passed at the urging of US Evangelist Scott Lively, being LGBTQ, or anyone possessing LGBTQ literature or providing any services to the LGBTQ community is subject to a 14-year prison sentence and in some jurisdictions even death and LGBTQ people from these countries are fleeing to our border to seek refuge; and

WHEREAS Udoka Nweke, a 29 year old Nigerian gay man fled homophobic oppression in Nigeria and after a dangerous trek through South and Central America surrendered himself at the US. Border in 2016, seeking asylum where, due to our broken immigration system he has been caged in the private INS facility in Adelanto where his mental health has deteriorated leading to a suicide attempt and a diagnosis of severe mental illness; and

WHEREAS repeated requests to release Udoka on parole where he could receive culturally appropriate mental health care coordinated through the Black LGBTQ + Migrant Project, The Transgender Law Center and the LGBT Center of OC have been ignored by the INS and the Trump administration; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Orange County calls upon Adelanto ICE Field Director David Marin to immediately begin efforts to release Udoka on parole; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of OC urges the OC Congressional delegation as well as Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris to immediately intervene at the highest levels in order to facilitate political asylum for Udoka as well as an immediate cessation of all economic and political aid to those nations who have passed Kill The Gays legislation.

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