



Resolution #18-15

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE INHUMANE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION IMMIGRATION POLICY THAT SEPARATES MIGRANT FAMILIES SEEKING ASYLUM

WHEREAS, the Trump administration has unilaterally chosen to deliberately, and cynically, abuse governmental powers to abrogate immigration law regarding the procedures for seeking asylum in the United States of America by separating families from their children, and transporting children to distant holding facilities, sometimes in other states or jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS, this family separation policy has nothing to do with Democratic-sponsored immigration legislation and, as stated by administration officials, is exclusively designed to deter future migrants from seeking asylum, and as a bargaining chip to procure funding for a border wall, and

WHEREAS, President Trump continues to stir unwarranted xenophobic fear among his supporters, through the use of hyperbole and vile comments that stereotype immigrants as “thieves and murderers and so much else” that bring “death and destruction” to the country (speech 6-18-2018),

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Democratic Party of Orange County condemns the practice of separating children from their families and holding them in cages, a violation of the United Nations International “Rights of the Child,” and joins bipartisan condemnation, that includes three former first ladies, the current first lady, four former Presidents, national evangelical leaders, health care professionals, the Catholic Bishops, the Asian Pacific American Caucus, and our local Congressional delegation in demanding an immediate stop to this abusive and traumatizing policy, and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we take this action because the policy is a grotesque and misguided abuse of governmental power akin to the persecution and witch-hunts during the Cold War by Sen. Joe McCarthy, the separation of Indian children from their families, and the internment of Japanese Americans during WWII, and has no justification in a democratic society, and we request immediate legislation to ban the immoral practice of family separation, the holding of families in detention facilities/prisons; and the legalization of DACA recipients.

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