

IMMIGRATION RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

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WHEREAS, National Organization for Women (NOW) recognizes that the United States of America has a long-standing history of racial slavery, marginalization, and violence against women and persons of color, and systematic division of families of color for financial gain with the intent of creating destruction, and increasing the oppression of families of color; and

WHEREAS, a result of this long-standing history of racism, the current Trump Administration has created a policy, which purposefully separates migrant children from their parents, as well as prosecute the parents with federal crimes detaining them into Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention centers; and

WHEREAS, civil and human rights such as the right to dignity and to not suffer inhumane treatment have been denied to these families at the hands of ICE officers, endangering migrant women and children through neglect, physical and sexual abuse and coercion without culturally responsive legal representation in their native languages; and

WHEREAS, NOW recognizes that just under 3,000 migrant children have been intentionally separated from their families at borders and within migrant camps in the past 17 months; and

WHEREAS, NOW understands that because of these separations of children from their parents, these children face the detrimental impact of emotion, physical, and psychological trauma;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NOW adamantly stands against and in protest of the new immigrant policy, which criminalizes undocumented migrant adults and forces separation of migrant children from their parents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NOW demands the immediate injunction for the human rights abuses of ICE, including return of the separated children to their parents as ordered by the federal court in *Ms. L v ICE*, therapy, immediate release of all nonviolent detainees and respectful protection to asylum seekers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, NOW supports justice organizations, immigrant rights workers, and all organizations that are advocating assertively, protecting these children and families, supporting the reunification of immigrant families of color; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that NOW will guide in advocating, lobbying, and integrating direct actions at our national and state levels; which call for our legislation to terminate this egregious immigration bill and reunify migrant parents and children in safe and livable environments within the United States of America.