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**Manteniendo a las Familias Unidas: Una Resolución del Pueblo**

**CONSIDERANDO QUE**, los Estados Unidos firmaron la Declaración de Derechos Humanos de las Naciones Unidas la cual declara que “La familia es el grupo natural y fundamental de la sociedad y esta titulado a la protección por la sociedad y el estado”;

**CONSIDERANDO QUE**, la separación de los niños de los padres puede causar trauma emocional permanente y extrema mientras que experimentan la instabilidad general y confusión, y la interrupción de sus estudios.

**CONSIDERANDO QUE,** niños puede que no tengan una familia o un ambiente familiar estable en su país de origen, o conozcan el lenguaje o cultura, ellos pueden estar vulnerables a la explotación o abuso- a pesar de las prácticas actuales, los niños nunca deben de ser deportados solos.

**CONSIDERANDO QUE**, cada año 1.6 millón de inmigrantes indocumentados en los Estados Unidos son deportados, fragmentando familias; miles de niños en Colorado son huérfanos y traumatizados por la deportación de los padres representando devastación persistente de las familias;

**CONSIDERANDO QUE,**  5,100 niños en los sistemas de bienestar infantil tienen padres quien ha sido detenido o deportados – un número que se espera incrementar por lo menos 15,000 más en los próximos anos;

**CONSIDERANDO QUE,** leyes federales de detención obligatorias limita la habilidad de agentes de inmigración y jueces de usar la discreción en casos involucrando a padres, guardianes legales, y cuidadores principales, contribuyendo a la separación de las familias;

**CONSIDERANDO QUE**, la identidad de Colorado es definida por la promesa de “la igualdad de oportunidades, estima de la diversidad, y compromiso de innovación;” y un estimado 450,000 residentes de Colorado son afectados por estas pólizas; residentes que están contribuyendo un estimado 40 millones de dólares a nuestra economía cada ano y ofrece beneficios no contados a nuestra sociedad y estilo de vida, como vecinos, colegas, y amigos;

**CONSIDERANDO QUE**, nosotros creemos in la dignidad del ser humano de todos los residentes de Colorado, independientemente del estatus migratorio, y reconocemos la importancia de las muchas contribuciones de inmigrantes hacia las estructuras sociales y económicas del estado de Colorado; y

**CONSIDERANDO QUE**, la unificación familiar debe ser la base de cualquier esfuerzo bipartidista de una reforma migratoria;

***SE RESUELVE*** *por el pueblo del estado de Colorado:*

Transmitir la necesidad al 113th Congreso de los Estados Unidos de América y el Presidente Barack Obama poner fin a todas las detenciones y deportaciones de padres de niños menores, ya que estas acciones resultan en abuso infantil y crimines en contra de la humanidad, TAMBIEN adoptar rápidamente una reforma migratoria justa y humana.

Además, exhortamos a inmigración y aduanas de implementar totalmente la Directiva de intereses de Padres atreves de todas localidades para que las obligaciones de familias y enlaces con la comunidad se les den plena y justa consideración en las decisiones de la aplicación de inmigración, así para que los padres ya no sean separados de sus familias.

***Se resuleve aun mas****,*

Que una copia de este memorial conjunta sea entregada al Presidente de los Estados Unidos, el Presidente de la Cámara de Representantes, Presidente del Senado de los Estados Unidos, miembros de la Delegación Congresional de Colorado, miembros de la Asamblea General de Colorado, y el Gobernador de Colorado.

**Keep Families Together: A People’s Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, the United States signed the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights which states that “The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State[[1]](#endnote-1)”;

**WHEREAS**, the separation of children from their parents can cause extreme and permanent emotional trauma[[2]](#endnote-2) as they experience general instability and confusion, and the interruption of their schooling[[3]](#endnote-3);

**WHEREAS,** children may not have family or a stable home environment in their country of birth, or know the language or culture, they may be vulnerable to exploitation or abuse - despite current practices, children should never be deported alone;

**WHEREAS**, each year, 1.6 million undocumented immigrants in the United States are deported, fragmenting families; thousands of children in Colorado are orphaned and traumatized by parental deportation representing persistent devastation of families[[4]](#endnote-4);

**WHEREAS,** 5,100 children in the child welfare system have parents who have been detained or deported[[5]](#endnote-5)– a number that is expected in increase by at least 15,000 over the next few years;

**WHEREAS,** federal mandatory detention laws limit the ability of immigration agents and judges to use discretion in cases involving parents, legal guardians, and primary caretakers, contributing to family separation[[6]](#endnote-6);

**WHEREAS**, Colorado’s identity is defined by its promise of “equal opportunity, esteem for diversity, and commitment to innovation;” and an estimated 450,000 Colorado residents are affected by these policies[[7]](#endnote-7); residents that are contributing an estimated 40 million dollars[[8]](#endnote-8) to our economy each year and offer untold benefits to our society and way of life, as our neighbors, colleagues and friends;

**WHEREAS**, we believe in the human dignity of all Colorado residents, regardless of immigration status, and recognize the importance of immigrants’ many contributions to the social and economic fabric of the state of Colorado; and

**WHEREAS**, family unification must be the bedrock of any bi partisan immigration reform effort;

***Be it resolved*** *by the People of the State of Colorado:*

That we urge the 113th Congress of the United States of America and President Barack Obama to cease all detentions and deportations of parents of minor children, as these actions result in child abuse and crimes against humanity, AND promptly enact just and humane immigration reform.

Also, we urge Immigrations and Customs Enforcement to fully implement the Parental Interests Directive (3) across all localities so that family obligations and ties to the community are given full and fair consideration in immigration enforcement decisions, and so that parents are no longer separated from their families.

***Be it Further Resolved****,*

That a copy of this Joint Memorial shall be delivered to the President of the United States, United States Speaker of the House, President of the United States Senate, members of Colorado’s Congressional Delegation, members of Colorado’s General Assembly, and the Governor of Colorado.

1. United States voted in favor of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948, Article 16 (3) [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. “Childhood adversity is one of the strongest indicators for early-onset mental health disorders, as well as for the premature manifestation of chronic health conditions.”

   <http://www.publicintegrity.org/2013/03/14/12311/mental-health-study-us-kids-affected-surge-deportations> [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. Common changes in behavior as the result of parental arrest or deportation include: loss of appetite, aggressiveness, sleep problems, and decreased cognitive and academic performance. The incidence of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is higher among adults who were separated from their parents during childhood.

   <http://actagainstviolence.apa.org/immigration-info.html> [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
4. By their own record, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency has issued nearly 205,000 deportations for parents of United States citizen children between the period of July 1, 2010 to September 31, 2012

   FIND SOURCE [↑](#endnote-ref-4)
5. A November 2011 report by the Applied Research Center conservatively estimates that 5,100 children in the child welfare system have parents who have been detained or deported – a number that is expected in increase by at least 15,000 over the next few years. (ADD LINK) [↑](#endnote-ref-5)
6. The report also suggests that federal mandatory detention laws limit the ability of immigration agents and judges to use discretion in cases involving parents, legal guardians, and primary caretakers, contributing to family separation.

   <http://cronkitenewsonline.com/2010/08/families-face-wrenching-decisions-when-illegal-immigrant-parents-are-deported/> [↑](#endnote-ref-6)
7. <http://www.aei.org/speech/society-and-culture/immigration/immigration-and-its-contribution-to-our-economic-strength/> [↑](#endnote-ref-7)
8. FIND SOURCE [↑](#endnote-ref-8)