

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, STRONGLY URGING PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO REUNITE CHILDREN SEPARATED FROM THEIR PARENTS DUE TO IMMIGRATION DETENTIONS, AND TO PROHIBIT ANY FUTURE PARENT AND CHILD SEPARATIONS BY UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES.

WHEREAS, during the past few months, the Trump Administration implemented a policy and practice to separate children from their mothers and fathers when families were detained by immigration authorities at the U.S. border with Mexico; and

WHEREAS, previously, many families crossing the U.S. border unlawfully seeking refuge or asylum were released into the United States while their immigration cases were processed; and

WHEREAS, countless news reports in recent days have documented the agonizing cries of young children who were heartlessly taken from their parents and removed to prison-like detention facilities under directives from the Trump Administration, with no certainty of being reunited with their families; and

WHEREAS, the exercise of such strong-arm tactics against innocent children is unacceptable in a civilized society, and abhorrent to the principles of justice upon which this nation was founded, and

WHEREAS, in South Florida alone, a detention facility in Homestead is actively housing children and has an occupancy capacity of 1000; and

WHEREAS, stark reports from another detention facility in McAllen, Texas, show hundreds of adults and children separated in chain link enclosures, with little more than metal benches, thin sleeping pads, and mylar emergency sheeting to use as blankets; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2018, President Donald Trump signed an Executive Order which purports to end the separation of infants and children from their parents during immigration detentions, but does not address the fate of approximately 2,300 minors who have already been separated from their parents and, further, does not require that such children and parents be reunited; and

WHEREAS, the practice of separating minor children and infants from their parents is not only inhumane, but has resulted, and will continue to result, in mental trauma and suffering if solutions to reunite families are not implemented; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach strongly urge President Donald Trump and the United States Congress to take immediate steps

to reunite infants and children with their mothers and fathers, and to prohibit any future parent and child separations by immigration authorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby strongly urge President Donald Trump and the United States Congress to take immediate steps to reunite children separated from their parents due to immigration detentions, and to prohibit any future parent and child separations by United States immigration authorities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2018.

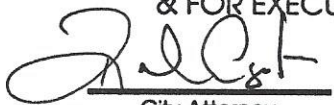
ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Micky Steinberg)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney *JK*

6/22/18

Date