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#### **RESOLUTION NO.**

[Condemning the Trump Administration's "Zero-Tolerance" Immigration Policy - Separating Children From Their Families]

Resolution condemning the Trump Administration's "zero-tolerance" immigration policy that separates children from their families at the border; and affirming and defending San Francisco's immigrant communities.

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has repeatedly affirmed its commitment to the city's immigrant communities and to its sanctuary city status, and since January 2017 has consistently condemned the actions of the Trump administration that seek to make targets of our immigrant residents; and

WHEREAS, On April 6, 2018, Attorney General Jeff Sessions notified all United States Attorney's Offices of a new "zero-tolerance policy" for immigrants crossing the border into the United States illegally; and

WHEREAS, This "zero-tolerance policy" has led to a significant increase in the number of immigrant children, as young as eight months, held in United States Government custody separated from their parents; and

WHEREAS, Between October 1, 2017, and May 31, 2018, at least 2,700 children have been separated from their parents; between April 18 and May 31, 2018, there were 1,995 children separated, meaning an average of 45 children are being taken away from their families each day; and

WHEREAS, The approximately 100 Department of Health and Human Services shelters are at or near full capacity, with the agency contemplating housing these children at military bases and tent camps; and

WHEREAS, The average length of time spent in these shelters is up to 57 days this year, compared to an average of 51 days last year; and

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WHEREAS, Officials at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) have told reporters that they anticipate to be caring for up to 30,000 children by the end of August should the current "zero-tolerance" policy continue; and

WHEREAS, Reports have emerged from the shelters that children are experiencing severe separation trauma, inability to sleep, nightmares, crying, begging for their parents and physical pain; and

WHEREAS, The American Academy of Pediatrics has emphasized that separating children from their parents can cause irreparable harm to a child's health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, The American Psychological Association wrote an open letter to Donald Trump urging reconsideration of the policy and commit to more humane practices that protect against trauma, warning against a "mental health crisis" for impacted children and families; and

WHEREAS, The American Public Health Association issued its own statement condemning the separation of children from families as "inhumane," warning that separation could lead to anxiety, depression, substance abuse, alcoholism, obesity and suicide for impacted children; and

WHEREAS, There are many allegations of abuse and mistreatment of children at these detention facilities by the American Civil Liberties Union, among others; and

WHEREAS, President Trump and his administration has repeatedly deflected responsibility for this policy, using these children as political pawns in his goal to build a border wall; and

WHEREAS, Senate Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) and 31 of her colleagues introduced legislation on June 8, 2018, to keep immigrant families together by preventing the Department of Homeland Security from taking children from their parents at the border; and

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WHEREAS, The United States Congress must come together and address this abusive and cruel policy that is ripping apart families by supporting Senator Feinstein's "Keep Families Together Act"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors strongly condemns the Trump administration's "zero-tolerance" policy of separating immigrant children from their families at the border, and calls for an immediate end to this practice; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors condemns any immigration policy that treats children and families inhumanely, or could inflict irreversible damage on children and families; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors will continue to affirm and defend our immigrant residents, call for families to be kept unified, and denounce attacks that seek to criminalize immigrant communities.

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