



KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance...

Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION PROHIBITING KALAMAZOO COUNTY RESOURCES FROM AIDING THE INHUMANE PRACTICE OF SEPARATING CHILDREN FROM THEIR FAMILIES AT THE U.S. BORDER

Whereas, the mission of Kalamazoo County government is the pursuit of extraordinary governance to provide equitable programs and excellent services to promote the health and safety of everyone in Kalamazoo County;

Whereas, in September 2015 the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution joining the Welcoming Michigan effort, committing “to building a diverse, inclusive, and global county and ... to provide a neighborly and welcoming atmosphere, where all are respected and accepted;”

Whereas, in the Spring of 2018 President Donald Trump and Attorney General Jeff Sessions instituted and continue to defend a practice of separating children from their families at the U.S. border as an effort to intimidate asylum-seekers and deter border crossings;

Whereas, under this policy, between April 19 to May 31, roughly 2,000 children were separated from their families and are being detained by the Federal government;

Whereas, elected leaders of both parties at the state and national level have condemned this practice, called on the Trump administration to stop separating children from their families, and called on Congress to vote immediately on immigration reform measures;

Whereas, we agree with U.S. Representative Fred Upton that “It’s time for this ugly and inhumane practice to end. Now. It’s never acceptable to use kids as bargaining chips in political process....separating young, innocent children from their parents is the wrong approach. The right approach is legislation to address the root issues.”

Therefore, be it resolved,

The Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners calls on Congress and President Trump to act immediately to stop the practice of separating children from their families based solely on their immigration status, and

The Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners prohibits any Kalamazoo County resources, including staff time, facilities or funds, to be used to assist federal immigration enforcement activities, including, but not limited to, the forced separation of families or the detention of any individual who is otherwise cleared for release. This resolution is not a mandate for Kalamazoo County officials to violate federal law.”

STATE OF MICHIGAN }
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COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO } SS

I, Timothy A. Snow, County Clerk/Register, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners at a regular session held on August 8, 2018.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Timothy A. Snow", is written over a horizontal line.

Timothy A. Snow, County Clerk/Register