



RESOLUTION 2019-03

Resolution submitted by:

Jerred Taylor - Linn County Democratic Central Committee Chair

A RESOLUTION OF OPPOSITION TO EXECUTIVE ACTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

WHEREAS the current administration has manufactured a crisis at the southern border by denying entry to asylum seekers against international law, and by separating children from their parents with no plan on how to reunite them; and,

WHEREAS the current administration has subverted the will of congress by declaring an emergency in order to secure funds to build a border wall; and,

WHEREAS the Federal Government's immigration policies have caused long lasting physical and emotional harm to families, including blanket raids and racial profiling that have caused children, including some of whom are US citizens, to be detained in Immigration and Customs Enforcement custody; and,

WHEREAS statements about immigrants and refugees by federal leadership are inflammatory, untrue, and are not representative of who we are as a nation and as Oregonians, including "They're bringing drugs, they're bringing crime, they're rapists..." (Donald J. Trump), "We must save Americans from these immigrant criminals!", (Senior Policy Advisor Steven Miller) and Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen's description of the cages where children were being detained as "...areas of the border facility that are carved out for the safety and protection of those who remain there while they're being processed"; and

WHEREAS the words of The New Colossus by Emma Lazarus, emblazoned in bronze in the Statue of Liberty, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" are a reminder to all of us to serve as a beacon for those seeking a better life; and

WHEREAS the 2017 Linn County Democratic Central Committee Platform states "U.S. immigration policies should be free of religious, racial, cultural, or sexual bias, and should favor refugees from disaster and violence. Law-abiding long-term undocumented residents should have access to schools, courts, and medical care and a path to legal residency and citizenship. Deportation policies should be humane and fair, and the business of deportation should not be privatized or operated for profit. Local police agencies should not be used to enforce national immigration laws."; and

WHEREAS Article 7, Planks 1-11 of the Democratic Party of Oregon Platform states "

- 1) We value our nation's diversity and recognize the economic, social, and cultural contributions immigrants make to our society.
- 2) We believe undocumented immigrant workers and their families should have a path to legal residence, and eventually citizenship.
- 3) We believe the exploitation of undocumented workers must stop because it drives down wages and degrades working conditions for all workers.
- 4) We believe undocumented immigrants should not be subject to detention or deportation without due process and should be accorded protections and services in accordance with basic human rights.
- 5) We believe immigrants with family legally present in the United States, immigrants brought to the U.S. as children, and immigrants with longstanding ties to U.S. communities should not be deported without due process and consideration of these circumstances.



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- 6) We believe policing and detention of undocumented immigrants should not be privatized or operated for profit.
- 7) We believe constitutional provisions granting citizenship for people born in the United States to immigrant parents must remain the law.
- 8) We oppose laws which can be used for profiling, including those that mandate people carry their legal papers.
- 9) We believe a nation as deeply rooted in immigration as ours should welcome and consider for refugee or asylum status refugees of war, climate change, natural disasters, extreme social violence, including but not limited to strong discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, gang wars, or genocide.
- 10) We believe immigrants deserve dignity and should not be detained by Immigration and Custom Enforcement authorities for civil infractions. All people, including immigrants, need to be treated equally under the law and should be granted legal and translation services and all basic human rights.
- 11) We believe asylum seekers should not be deported if there is any likelihood they will be subject to death or harm upon return."

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Linn County Democratic Central Committee opposes Trump's executive action to divert money allocated by congress to build the wall at the southern border; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Linn County Democratic Central Committee denounces the Trump administration's immigration policies; policies that have separated children from their parents and placed them in cages, policies that have led to the tear-gassing of families seeking asylum, and policies that have stoked racial tension across this country by encouraging and excusing the actions of white nationalists.

RESOLVED by the Linn County Democratic Central Committee on this 4th day of April, 2019.

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