

RESOLUTION 1230

IMMIGRANT CHILDREN AND FAMILY SEPARATION

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2017, the Borough Council adopted Resolution No. 1180, to expressly address the Council's position on immigration enforcement in the State College Borough and recommit to non-discrimination, public safety, and the equal provision of services. This resolution seeks to expand on that resolution to address the recent events wherein children separated from their parents or arriving at the border alone have been detained under inhumane conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Borough Council that it opposes the separation of parents from their children and remains deeply concerned about the lasting psychological impacts these separations will have on children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Council opposes immigration policies that result in the detainment of immigrant children, and believes that all children have the right to be free and feel safe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Council opposes any immigration policy that separates parents from families at the border, as a result of an enforcement action or travel ban. The travel ban remains in effect today and undermines our commitment to non-discrimination and inclusion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Council believes all immigrants who are held in United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") or United States Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") custody should be treated humanely and in the least restrictive setting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Council believes that all immigrants, as required by the law, should have the ability to request asylum if they fear return or have suffered harm in their home country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Council will continue to partner with Penn State Law's Center for Immigrants' Rights Clinic and its Director, Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia, Esq. on forums and teach-ins aimed at educating members of our community about immigration law, policy and rights, and to ensure that our community has access to accurate information and legal resources for community members with questions concerning their immigration status.

RESOLVED this 1st day of July, 2019.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF STATE COLLEGE

Sharon K. Ergler
Assistant Borough Secretary

By: _____
Evan Myers
President of Council