

City of Albany
Proclamation

OPPOSING THE SEPARATION OF MIGRANT FAMILIES

WHEREAS, the City of Albany became a Sanctuary City in April 2017, supporting the dignity and human rights of all; and


WHEREAS, the City of Albany values not only children in our local community, but children throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the Trump administration's current policy of separating migrant children from their parents at the US southern border is cruel and inhumane; and

WHEREAS, these families are often fleeing violence and oppression in their home countries; and

WHEREAS, children are particularly likely to suffer emotionally and psychologically from separation from their parents and the effects pose a significant threat to their long-term health and well-being.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Albany City Council calls on the Administration and Congress to put an immediate end to the policy of separating families when they present themselves or are apprehended at the border and to reunite children with their families. We support the Keep Families Together Act authored by Senator Feinstein and others designed to keep immigrant families together by preventing the Department of Homeland Security from taking children from their parents at the border. This legislation was developed in consultation with child welfare experts to ensure the federal government is acting in the best interest of children.


Peggy McQuaid, Mayor