

RESOLUTION TO PREVENT CHILDREN FROM BEING SEPARATED FROM
PARENTS AT OUR COUNTRY'S BORDER - DCIA, June 19, 2018

WHEREAS, the US Department of Homeland Security has expanded the “zero tolerance” policy to include separating minor children from their parents when they cross the border,

WHEREAS, more than 2,000 children have been separated from their parents at our border since May 2018.

WHEREAS, we are a country immigrants, many of whom fled violence and persecution in their native lands,

WHEREAS, the member religious communities of DCIA affirm family bonds as a spiritual priority, and the centrality of care and support for the most vulnerable and forgotten in our local community and beyond,

WHEREAS, our federal government is acting inhumanely and violating societal norms and values and traumatizing families by separating children from their parents

WHEREAS, children and parents being separated at the border include those legitimately seeking asylum

WHEREAS, our spiritual communities and the wider Durham community have long shown support for immigrant communities

WHEREAS, migrating families should be welcomed and supported, and we should protect these vulnerable children and parents

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Durham Congregations In Action urges the President, Attorney General and Department of Homeland Security to immediately rescind and stop the expanded “zero tolerance” policy practice of separating minor children from their parents in detention at our country’s border..

MOREOVER, BE IT RESOLVED that Durham Congregations In Action calls on our federal representatives and senators to enact humane and decent immigration policies and join in calling on local law enforcement to be compassionate in how they interact with immigrants. This the 19th day of June, 2018