



ANB/ANS Grand Camp

Ketchikan, AK October 2018



Resolution 18-10

Title: Quit separating minors from asylum seeker parents

WHEREAS, The current Executive branch policy is to separate children from their parents or legal guardians who are asylum seekers or have illegal status and to establish a tent city for minors who crossed the border alone;

WHEREAS, The current U.S. Executive branch adopted a zero tolerance inhumane policy not used by past administrations, separating children from their parents or legal guardians at any U.S. border; and

WHEREAS, The said policy is no longer in practice, and many children have been reunited with their parents or legal guardians. However, there are still almost 500 children which includes 22 under the age of five who still sit in detention centers; and

WHEREAS, The 500 children are having their basic needs met, but this continued separation from their parents and their detainment is causing them undue harm and duress; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. government opened a tent city inn Tornillo TX in June 2018 meant to hold 400 migrants, which now has been expanded in September 2018 to hold 4000 migrants; and

WHEREAS, There are close to 4000 children who crossed the borders alone in standard shelters across the U.S. that are managed by the Department of Health and Human Services(DSHS); and

WHEREAS, These children are woken in the middle of the night to prevent escape attempts and forced to travel to this tent city that is surrounded by barbed wire; and

WHEREAS, Unlike the shelters, this tent city will not be under the supervision of the DSHS, and the children will have little or no access to professional services; and



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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alaska Native Brotherhood (ANB) and the Alaska Native Sisterhood (ANS) strongly urge and require that the 500 children be reunited with their parents or guardians, and the 4000 children who crossed borders along be returned to shelters and the supervision of DSHS until permanent placement or homes can be found; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the ANB and ANS, assembled in Grand Camp convention October 2018, strongly urge and require that our leaders, Congressional representatives, and politicians dismantle the tent city and detention centers that hold children and abolish this policy once and for all.

/s/ Sasha Soboleff, Grand President
Alaska Native Brotherhood

/s/ Cecelia Tavoliero, Grand President
Alaska Native Sisterhood

/s/ James A. Llanos Jr, Grand Secretary
Alaska Native Brotherhood

/s/ Carol Duis, Grand Secretary
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