Reaffirmation of the National Federation of Democratic Women 2017 Resolution in Support of Fair and Just Immigration Reform

WHEREAS, the National Federation of Democratic Women is the official women's organization of the Democratic National Committee;

WHEREAS, the United States has a long legacy of providing refuge to those who seek freedom, opportunity, and democracy;

WHEREAS, immigrants have made significant contributions to the economic and social fabric of this country;

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has promoted anti-immigrant policies not founded on fact or law;

WHEREAS, Congressional House Republican leadership and its members continue to hold comprehensive immigration reform hostage;

WHEREAS, 11 million undocumented Americans have been living, contributing, and enriching our country, but live a life of uncertainty in the fear of deportation and family separation;

WHEREAS, the President has threatened to deport 8,000,000 people;

WHEREAS, there are more than 5,000 children in the U.S. Child welfare system because a parent has been detained or deported, and a most of those children are U.S. Citizens;

WHEREAS, there are more than 250,000 LGBTQ undocumented immigrants in the United States, who are at increased risk of abuse and mistreatment when placed in immigration detention; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ immigrants who are deported from the United States face heightened risks of discrimination, persecution, and death in their countries of origin.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Federation of Democratic Women opposes the Trump Administration's anti-immigrant efforts and supports federal comprehensive immigration reform to provide undocumented immigrants with a pathway to citizenship.

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