

## RESOLUTION OPPOSING SEPARATION OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AT THE US-MEXICO BORDER

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## BACKGROUND

- On February 7, 2017, by Resolution, the Council unanimously declared Santa Rosa to be an Indivisible City and safeguard the civil rights, safety and dignity of Santa Rosa residents.
- The Indivisible City resolution opposed deportations based solely on immigration status which split up families.

## BACKGROUND

- On April 6, 2018, Attorney General Jeff
  Sessions announced that the government
  would criminally prosecute everyone who
  crosses the US-Mexico border illegally.
- This federal directive has separated children from their parents and channeled them into foster care, resulting in suffering and emotional trauma.

## RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Council consider whether to adopt a Resolution opposing the separation of children and families at the US-Mexico Border.

