

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF DEPORTATIONS FOR UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS**

A RESOLUTION endorsing the need for immediate reasonable directives that oppose non-felonious deportations, promote the unity of families regardless of citizenship status, and support a plan for providing legal status to those who are in the process of deportation.

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WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has failed to pass Comprehensive Immigration Reform due to obstruction from Republicans in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Democratic Party strongly supports Comprehensive Immigration Reform passed by Congress as the preferred method of reforming our broken immigration system; and

WHEREAS, the current population of the United States includes more than 11.7 million undocumented immigrants, with more than 1 million of those being minors under the age of 18<sup>1</sup>; and

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2012, the number of non-criminal immigrants deported by U.S. authorities reached a high of 220,000;<sup>2</sup> and

WHEREAS, the increase in deportations has separated thousands of families, displacing both US-born citizen and undocumented children, causing unnecessary emotional distress and subjecting these children to a life in the foster care system<sup>3</sup>; and

WHEREAS, an immediate Executive Order suspending non-felonious deportations for undocumented immigrants and offering DACA (deferred action for childhood arrivals)-like policies to immigrant families will provide a real solution for the undocumented population of Arizona and the entire United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARIZONA DEMOCRATIC PARTY THAT:

The Arizona Democratic Party strongly supports a suspension to non-felonious deportations and a proposal to offer DACA-like policies to immigrant families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Arizona Democratic Party respectfully urges the Congress of the United States to move quickly to pass reasonable and humane comprehensive immigration reform legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Arizona Democratic Party respectfully urges President Barack Obama to sign an Executive Order to ensure that his Administration promptly, fully, and fairly implements and enforces such policies.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY: Emily Verdugo, Chair, ADP Latino Caucus (LD 3).

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.pewhispanic.org/2013/01/29/a-nation-of-immigrants/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2014/01/24/record-number-of-deportations-in-2012/>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.immigrationpolicy.org/just-facts/falling-through-cracks>