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Resolution in Support of Human Dignity and Constitutional Protections for All Persons in Arizona

WHEREAS, the Arizona Democratic Party (ADP) reaffirms its commitment to the fundamental values of liberty, justice, and equality for all people, regardless of their immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution, through the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments, guarantees Due Process and Equal Protection of the laws to all "persons" within the jurisdiction of the United States, including non-citizens; and

WHEREAS, the humanity and inherent dignity of every person are non-negotiable and must be respected by all government agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has, in recent years and currently, engaged in patterns of conduct, including but not limited to, widespread detentions, family separations, arbitrary arrests near sensitive locations, and inadequate access to legal counsel, which raise serious constitutional concerns; and

WHEREAS, these actions have fostered an atmosphere of fear and distrust in Arizona communities, damaging the relationship between law enforcement and the public, and discouraging individuals from reporting crimes or seeking essential services; and the Supreme Court has affirmed that the Fourth Amendment protects non-citizens from unreasonable searches and seizures, and that ICE's actions must comport with the constitutional requirement of probable cause or reasonable suspicion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Arizona Democratic Party:

- * Affirms the Humanity of All People: We unequivocally assert the inherent value, dignity, and humanity of all individuals residing within Arizona, and recognize that all policies must be crafted and implemented with compassion and respect for human rights.

- * Calls for Constitutional Compliance: We demand that the actions and operations of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and all related agencies fully comply with the letter and spirit of the United States Constitution, including the Fourth, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendments, to ensure due process, equal protection, and freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures for all persons.

- * Opposes Family Separation and Harmful Detention Practices: We strongly condemn the practice of separating families and call for an immediate end to detention practices that inflict psychological or physical harm, lack adequate medical care, or violate established human rights standards.

- * Supports Review and Oversight: We call upon Arizona's Congressional delegation and state government to enact strong oversight, conduct immediate investigations into alleged constitutional violations by ICE, and support legislative action to reform federal immigration enforcement practices to uphold constitutional standards.

- * Advocates for Compassionate Reform: We advocate for comprehensive immigration reform that is rooted in compassion, respects the contributions of immigrants, provides clear pathways to citizenship, and prioritizes humane enforcement over punitive measures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Arizona Democratic Party shall distribute this resolution to all elected Democratic officials in Arizona, the leadership of the Democratic National Committee, and to the public through appropriate channels.

ADOPTED this [Insert Day] day of [Insert Month], [Insert Year] by the State Committee of the Arizona Democratic Party.