



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

Executive Committee Resolution: Family Unit Crisis Remediation

Whereas: Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE-ERO) is understaffed and underfunded to process through the normal course of time limits set upon them.

Whereas: There is an influx of family units across the county, sometimes doubling the capacity of the available facilities

Whereas: The current method to resolve the situation - meet the mandated maximum holding times and reduce the overcrowding was to release the family units into certain counties without a transition plan – is insufficient.

Whereas: NGOs and transportation companies assisting with family unit crises have exhausted their resources.

Whereas: There continues to be a surge in family units entering the United States illegally from Latin America and elsewhere along the Southern Boundary of the United States.

Whereas: Our Nation's Sheriffs call on Congress to draft an actionable plan to be put in place immediately to avert another phase of this crisis. The emergency plan should include:

- Contingency funding for transportation.
- Contingency plans to assign additional ICE-ERO agents to process people in a timely manner.

Whereas: Our Nation's Sheriffs call on Congress to act with additional steps to reduce the situation out of its current crisis mode. These steps include but are not limited to:

- The deployment of housing units for these families to await processing.
- The hiring and assigning of additional federal immigration judges to high impact areas to correctly and timely process these families.
- The additional funding for ICE and USBP agents to address these dramatic increases.
- The extension of regulations and Laws on length of hold time allowed to provide for the judicial process.
- A negotiation with the Guatemalan, Honduran and El Salvador governments to issue travel documentation for families to be repatriated back to their countries.
- The examination of technology to assist existing staffing levels in monitoring borders.

Therefore, Now Be It Resolved: That the National Sheriffs Association is in support of Congress revisiting and revising the national immigration laws to close the loopholes and ensure a fair and equitable immigration policy based on merit and not one that encourages and deters the exploitation of our laws by those criminal organizations that continue to threaten our national security.