## RESOLUTION FORM

Whereas research has shown family relationships are critical to children's development in all areas, including brain development, social/emotional development, cognitive and physical development as well as self-identity.

Whereas currently families coming to the USA seeking refugee status may be separated from each other, with children being placed in the care of others, not their families, leaving children, the most vulnerable in society, without family support.

Whereas the mission statement of the Southern Ohio Synod is 'Stronger and Better Together...Joining Jesus in the Restoration of the World', and whereas we are called as God's people to "Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly" (Micah 6:8).

Therefore be it resolved that this Assembly urge the congregations of the Southern Ohio Synod to appeal to their congressional representatives expressing their concern regarding the injustice of the separating of children from their families seeking refugee status in the United States of America.

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