

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY

STATEMENT FROM GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY ON TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S FORCED SEPARATION OF MIGRANT CHILDREN FROM THEIR FAMILIES AT THE U.S. BORDER

"For centuries, America has been a refuge for those seeking freedom and yearning for a better life. President Trump has turned this promise on its head.

"The Trump policy of separating families, housing children in cages, and preventing members of Congress from even seeing the conditions in which migrant families are housed defies any sense of logic and human decency. I add my voice to the chorus rightfully condemning the President's decision to allow such inhumane treatment of children and families. That these detention practices are being conducted in New Jersey, within mere miles of the Statue of Liberty, is beyond abhorrent.

"Let's be perfectly clear – the choice to implement this appalling policy is a choice President Trump, and no one else, made. It has no basis in law or Scripture. The ability to do the right thing rests on his shoulders, and his alone."

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