

RESOLUTION TO SEEK IMMEDIATE END OF PRIVATELY OPERATED DETENTION FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the overwhelming majority of immigration detention facilities are operated by private prison companies;

WHEREAS, the Department of Justice directed the Bureau of Prisons to stop renewing contracts for federal correctional facilities with private prison operators;

WHEREAS, Secretary Jeh Johnson commissioned a report from the HSAC (Homeland Security Advisory Council) to study the continued use of privately operated immigration detention facilities,

WHEREAS, immigration detention facilities for many years have been marked by safety and security issues, including abuse, neglect, and death of detainees;

WHEREAS, NHLA has previously opposed the use of privately-operated immigration detention facilities and provided public comment to HSAC opposing the profiteering of immigration detention;

AND WHEREAS, the HSAC has voted to oppose the continuation of privately operated prison facilities but on an uncertain timeline;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NHLA issue a direct call to Secretary Johnson to end as expeditiously as possible, the use of privately-operated immigration detention facilities, including ending all new contracting with private prison companies, closing those facilities with the most grave conditions immediately, and ending the detention of refugee seekers and families, as first steps toward ending all use of private detention centers.