

press release

To: Gamma Alpha Omega Membership

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Families belong together. As an organization that supports the youth, we stand with the 2000+ children that were separated from their parents and placed in detention centers and are saddened by the decisions that have enabled this kind of treatment. While an executive order has been signed to end the separation of children from their families, it is still unclear what will happen to those children and how quickly they can return to their families. Gamma Alpha Omega, with many of our other fraternal organizations and friends, calls for a stop to these practices. We do not stand for any political party, rather we stand for human rights.

We support, encourage, and empower our sisters to act against the violation of human rights through some of the following avenues and initiatives:

- Attend a rally on June 30th, find a location near you: www.familiesbelongtogether.org/
- Donate to one of the many organizations supporting the protests:
 - National Domestic Workers Alliance <u>www.domesticworkers.org</u>
 - Leadership Conference on Civil Rights <u>www.civilrights.org</u>
 - ACLU www.aclu.org
 - o Women's March <u>www.womensmarch.com</u>
 - MoveOn www.front.moveon.org
- Contact ICE to register complaints with the Department of Homeland Security:
 Call 1-866-DHS-2-ICE
- Find our who your representative is <u>www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative</u>

 Contact your state/district representative of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Gamma Alpha Omega is a Latina founded, multicultural sorority founded at Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ. that exists to increase the number of women with college educations and advanced degrees. We provide mentors for youth, women and underrepresented communities, as well as support individual leaders in each member. Gamma Alpha Omega provides lifelong support for sisters, rooted in the pillars of Honesty, Integrity, Leadership, Scholarship and Unity. For more information about Gamma Alpha Omega, please visit www.gammaalphaomega.org

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