RESOLUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF CHINESE AMERICANS
URGING THE END OF ARBITRARY
INS DETENTIONS AND DEPORTATIONS

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WHEREAS The Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act and the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 have allowed the INS expanded powers to detain and deport certain categories of immigrants; and

WHEREAS Over 1,200 immigrants, mostly of Arab and South Asian descent, were secretly and indefinitely detained following the September 11th attacks; and

WHEREAS Thousands of immigrants have been detained and received orders for deportation based on minor crimes, including 1400 Cambodian refugees who face severe repercussions if forced to return to the country they fled; and

WHEREAS INS detentions and deportations have separated and impoverished families; and

WHEREAS These detentions and deportations raise serious concerns over due process and judicial review

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Organization of Chinese Americans denounces the arbitrary and secretive procedures used to detain and deport immigrants; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that OCA calls on the INS and Department of Justice to develop due process and judicial review procedures to protect the human and civil rights of immigrants.