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**ACADEMY OF ADOPTION AND ASSISTED REPRODUCTION ATTORNEYS OPPOSES
PERMANENT PLACEMENT OF MIGRANT CHILDREN FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT CONSENT
OF PARENT OR PARENTS**

(GREENWOOD, INDIANA, OCTOBER 22, 2018) - The Board of Trustees of the Academy of Adoption & Assisted Reproduction Attorneys (AAAA) has been concerned about migrant children since the announcements earlier this year that children were being separated from their parents at our borders. The Trustees of AAAA believe that no migrant child should be placed for adoption or permanent guardianship here in the United States without the express consent of their parent or parents. We have encouraged licensed adoption agencies and our membership to respect the rights of parents whose children are being held by the United States government either in government facilities or have been placed with contracted agencies and not consider these children abandoned until all efforts can be made to locate their parents and either return them to their parents or obtain voluntary consents for an adoption. AAAA's Resolution Concerning Migrant Children can be found at <https://adoptionart.org/about-aaaa/publications/resolutions>.

About the Academy of Adoption and Assisted Reproduction Attorneys

The Academy of Adoption and Assisted Reproduction Attorneys (AAAA) is a credentialed, non-profit organization dedicated to the competent and ethical practice of adoption and assisted reproduction law. It advocates for laws and policies to protect the best interests of children, the legal status of families formed through adoption and assisted reproduction, and the rights of all interested parties. It is represented by 470 attorneys or "Fellows" from the United States, Canada, Australia, Argentina, Israel and the United Kingdom who focus their law practices on adoption law, assisted reproductive technology law (ART) or both. AAAA is headquartered in Greenwood, Indiana. For more information, visit us at adoptionART.org

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