

**RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THAT THE CITY OF ORANGE SHALL BE
A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE CITY FOR ALL RESIDENTS**

Offered by Council Member: The Orange City Council

WHEREAS, The City of Orange Township values its ethnic, racial, linguistic, and socio-economic diversity. Our diversity is a source of our municipality's strength and the City Council of the City of Orange Township is committed to ensuring that all our residents can live and pursue their livelihoods in peace and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, The City of Orange Township residents, like many Americans are deeply concerned about how the new presidential administration will impact their lives and families, whether they will be forced to leave this country, and whether rights and protections afforded to them will suddenly be taken away; and

WHEREAS, local enforcement of immigration law makes everyone less safe. When local law enforcement voluntarily cooperates with or works on behalf of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), significant gaps in trust and cooperation grow between immigrant communities and the police. Some of these practices could expose the city to liability for violations of individuals' Constitutional rights; and

WHEREAS, Undue collaboration between local law enforcement and ICE will make immigrants less likely to report crimes, act as witnesses in criminal investigations and prosecutions, and provide intelligence to law enforcement. The cooperation of the City's immigrant communities is essential to prevent and solve crimes and maintain public order, safety and security in the entire City. Community policing depends on trust with every community and facilitating deportations will harm our efforts at community policing; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of municipalities around the country are standing up to threats against privacy and liberties by taking meaningful steps to ensure that communities are safe, and that all residents' rights are respected so that their municipality may continue to thrive; and

WHEREAS, due to the City's limited resources; the clear need to foster the trust of and cooperation from the public, including members of vulnerable communities; and to effectuate the City's goals, the City Council urges the Mayor and administration of the City to clarify its role in protecting all city residents' privacy and rights.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Orange supports the establishment and communication of a clear policy that local police and government agents will not enforce federal immigration law nor help facilitate ICE deportations, except where legally required to do so. This includes developing a clear policy that the City and its law enforcement agents and employees will not: enter into any contracts, agreements or arrangements,

including “287(g) agreements” or Intergovernmental Service Agreements with the federal government that deputize local law enforcement officers to act as immigration agents or use local facilities to house immigrants in deportation proceedings; participate in joint operations with ICE, including, but not limited to setting up traffic stops for purposes of immigration enforcement or assisting in raids; stop, arrest or detain people based on perceived or actual immigration status or belief the person has committed an immigration offense; arrest, detain or transfer individuals based on warrantless immigration detainers or administrative warrants; or allow ICE access to City facilities, property, equipment or databases without a judicial warrant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Council of the City of Orange Township is committed to working with the mayor and administration on strong anti-discrimination policies to protect vulnerable communities. Insuring that all are treated fairly and without discrimination or profiling based on actual or perceived national origin, immigration status, race, ethnicity, language proficiency, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, housing status, financial status, marital status, status as a victim of domestic violence, criminal history, or status as a veteran is a priority for our community. Such policies should include a prohibition on City agents and employees conditioning services on immigration status, except where required under applicable federal or state law; strict policies prohibiting City agents and employees from coercing individuals or threatening to report them or their family members to ICE or take other immigration-related action against them or their family members; and a strong policy making clear that where presentation of a state driver’s license is accepted as adequate evidence of identity, presentation of a photo identity document issued by the person's nation of origin, such as a driver's license, passport, or consulate-issued document, shall be accepted and shall not subject the person to a higher level of scrutiny or different treatment. City employees should not inquire into individuals’ immigration status except where required by state or federal law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Council of the City of Orange Township is committed to work with the mayor and administration on strong privacy protections limiting the extent to which city agents and employees are permitted to maintain and share confidential personal information, including but not limited to personal contact information, information about national origin, race, ethnicity, language proficiency, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, housing status, financial status, marital status, status as a victim of domestic violence, criminal history, release date from incarceration or confinement in a jail, or status as a veteran; except where otherwise required by state or federal law or regulation or directive or court order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Council of the City of Orange Township urges the creation of a Municipal ID program, available to all City residents and recognized by all city agencies and departments, with

strong privacy and data security protections. Municipal IDs provide government-issued photo ID to all residents, without regard to immigration status or criminal record. Municipal IDs help the most vulnerable communities, including individuals returning from incarceration, immigrants, transgender individuals, the homeless and the disabled and elderly -- populations that face barriers to city services because they often cannot access government-issued ID.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Council of the City of Orange Township encourages the adoption of clear and transparent protocols for the certification of U-Visas for undocumented immigrant community members who have been victims of a serious crime and have cooperated in the investigation of the crime.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Council of the City of Orange Township encourages the municipality to report on its public facing website the number of times the municipality was asked to participate in any civil immigration enforcement operations, did participate, the number of detainer requests lodged and the number of U visa requests made, among other data.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Council of the City of Orange Township is committed to publicly and vigorously opposing any government registry based on religion or national origin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Council of the City of Orange Township urges the city to commit funding to support vital resources for immigrant communities, including establishing a fund to provide legal representation for indigent residents in deportation proceedings and to support citizenship services and English classes. City agencies that provide direct services should ensure meaningful access to such services by taking reasonable steps to develop and implement agency-specific language assistance plans regarding Limited English Proficient residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Council of the City of Orange Township is committed to maintaining community stakeholder engagement around implementation of policies that preserve and protect our diverse and inclusive community, and will serve as a resource for immigrant community members with questions, comments, or concerns about safety or local government's role in defending vulnerable communities.

Adopted:

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