

**Lee County Board
Dixon, Illinois**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DECLARING LEE COUNTY A NON-SANCTUARY COUNTY

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution gives Congress the power to establish a uniform rule of naturalization; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of Congress to establish all laws and rules regarding naturalization; and

WHEREAS, the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified on July 9, 1868, and states: "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside."; and

WHEREAS, local law enforcement in Illinois is dedicated to protecting the communities they serve and promoting public safety requires the assistance and cooperation of the community, so law enforcement has the ability to gather the information necessary to solve and deter crime; and

WHEREAS, the trust of residents is crucial to ensure that they report crimes, provide witness statements, cooperate with law enforcement and feel comfortable seeking help when they are concerned about their safety; and

WHEREAS, Illinois law enforcement is governed by the 2017 Illinois Trust Act, which helps bolster cooperation with communities and confirms that law enforcement entities in Illinois are largely prohibited from participating in immigration enforcement operations thus declaring Illinois a "SANCTUARY STATE" for immigration; and

WHEREAS, local law enforcement may not enter into immigration enforcement agreements with federal immigration authorities; and

WHEREAS, there is no express or inherent authority under Illinois law that permits state or local law enforcement to enforce federal immigration law; and

WHEREAS, local law enforcement may not stop, arrest, search, or detain an individual on the sole basis that they are undocumented; and

WHEREAS, only federal officers have the authority to arrest an individual for violation of civil immigration law without a criminal warrant; and

WHEREAS, Lee County, by declaring itself a NON-SANCTUARY COUNTY, pledges and dedicates its limited resources to its residents in need, and absent emergency circumstances, Lee County will not provide tax payer funded services or dollars towards the immigration crisis.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this County Board of Lee County, Illinois that Lee County is declared a NON-SANCTUARY COUNTY, dedicating our limited resources to those in need here in Lee County.

PASSED BY THE LEE COUNTY BOARD

THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Lee County Board Chairman

BY: _____
Lee County Clerk