

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-141

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING S-3142 AND A-4256 WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THE NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REPEAL LAW ENFORCEMENT DIRECTIVE RESTRICTING LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION WITH FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES

WHEREAS, Little Egg Harbor Township finds and declares that illegal immigration continues to have a profoundly negative impact on our state and nation as a whole due to the exorbitant amount of taxpayer funds expended in providing benefits and other resources to persons in the country illegally that would be otherwise be directed to the benefit of legal citizens; and

WHEREAS, Little Egg Harbor Township Committee finds and declares that illegal immigration and the permitted violation of our nation's borders serves to undermine the rule of law and severely hinder the ability of law enforcement personnel to effectively protect the citizens of this state and nation; and

WHEREAS, there is estimated to be from as many as 475,000 to nearly 1 million undocumented immigrants living in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's sanctuary state policies, which include providing driver's licenses and in-state tuition to illegal immigrants, serve to incentivize illegal border crossings by offering safe haven and eligibility to taxpayer-funded benefits to persons who entered the country illegally; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Attorney General Law Enforcement Directive No. 2018-6, issued on November 29, 2018, known as the "Immigrant Trust Directive," restricts law enforcement officers from cooperating with federal immigration authorities and under said directive, among other provisions, State, county, and local law enforcement are prohibited from providing certain assistance to federal immigration authorities when the sole purpose is to enforce federal civil immigration law; and

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WHEREAS, the directive prohibits law enforcement from providing notice of a detained individual's upcoming release from custody or continuing the detention of a person past the time the person would be released from custody based solely on a civil immigration detainer request, with certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, over the past six years several New Jersey Attorneys General have undermined federal immigration law by prohibiting local and county law enforcement from doing their sworn duty, which is to protect the citizens of our great state and it is the collective opinion of this Governing Body that "Immigrant Trust Directive" should be repealed; and

WHEREAS, 9th Legislative District State Representatives Senator Carmen F. Amato, Jr., Assemblyman Brian E. Rumpf and Assemblyman Gregory E. Myhre have introduced companion legislation S-3142 and A-4256 which would require the Attorney General to repeal Attorney General Law Enforcement Directive No. 2018-6, "Immigrant Trust Directive," so as to end the restrictions currently placed on law enforcement cooperation with federal immigration authorities; and

WHEREAS, Little Egg Harbor Township join with the 9th District Legislative Delegation and calls for the repeal of Attorney General Law Enforcement Directive No. 2018-6 which pose danger to the citizens of this State and are a substantial threat to public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the governing body of Little Egg Harbor Township does hereby express its support for companion legislation S-3142 and A-4256 which would require the Attorney General to repeal Attorney General Law Enforcement Directive No. 2018-6, "Immigrant Trust Directive," so as to end the restrictions currently placed on law enforcement cooperation with federal immigration authorities.
2. That certified copies of this Resolution shall be sent to Governor Phil Murphy, New Jersey State Senate President Nicholas P. Scutari, New Jersey General Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin and 9th District Legislative Representatives Senator Carmen F. Amato, Jr., Assemblyman Brian E. Rumpf and Assemblyman Gregory E. Myhre.

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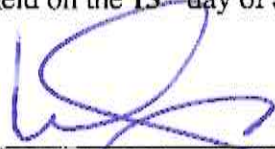
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CERTIFICATION

I, **KELLY LETTERA, CMC, RMC**, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Little Egg Harbor do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Little Egg Harbor Township Committee at a meeting held on the **13th** day of **June, 2024**.



KELLY LETTERA, CMC, RMC
Township Clerk
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