

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**

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RESOLUTION

On a motion by **None**, seconded by **None**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held June 24, 2026.

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW
JERSEY, OPPOSING CERTAIN RECENTLY ENACTED STATE LAWS
AFFECTING LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS, FEDERAL-STATE
COOPERATION, AND PUBLIC SAFETY, AND URGING THEIR REPEAL**

WHEREAS, The Warren County Board of County Commissioners has a fundamental responsibility to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents and to support law enforcement officers in the lawful execution of their duties; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of New Jersey recently signed three (3) bills impacting federal-state cooperation in immigration enforcement, creating sanctuary spaces for immigrants in the country illegally and impacting law enforcement operations; and

WHEREAS, A4071/S3521 restricts certain communications and cooperation between state and local law enforcement and federal immigration authorities; and

WHEREAS, SCS for S3114 and S3216/A1743 requires law enforcement officers, including ICE agents, to reveal their facial identity during certain public interactions, which the Board believes may interfere with law enforcement operations and raise constitutional concerns; and

WHEREAS, A4070/S3522, described as the "Privacy Protection Act," limits the collection and sharing of certain personal information, the Board believes may hinder law enforcement investigations and inter-agency coordination; and

WHEREAS, the so-called "Safe Communities Act," or S-5036, prohibits sensitive locations from assisting or participating in federal civil law enforcement, and would also prohibit enforcement on the premises of those locations, including hospitals, public schools, shelters, disaster and emergency response sites, funeral homes, courthouses, and places of worship, thus creating safe spaces for criminals to hide from law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the importance of constitutional rights, due process, lawful policing, and public accountability, but also finds that public policy should not jeopardize officer safety, operational effectiveness, intergovernmental cooperation, the ability of law enforcement agencies to respond to evolving public safety threats, or negatively impact the safety of the public at large; and

WHEREAS, the Board is concerned that restrictions affecting communication, coordination, identification practices, and information-sharing, as well as policies that prohibit law enforcement from pursuing criminals at certain locations will create uncertainty for local law enforcement agencies, complicate interactions with federal authorities, increase risks to officers operating in volatile and rapidly developing situations and give sanctuary to criminals among the very communities these laws purport to

seek to protect; and

WHEREAS, the Board further recognizes that immigration law and enforcement are federal functions under the United States Constitution and believes that legislation restricting federal-state cooperation in this area is subject to constitutional challenge under the Supremacy Clause; and

WHEREAS, the Board is also concerned that enactments designed to restrict cooperation or disclosure may invite costly litigation, create preemption disputes, undermine consistent enforcement practices, and expose municipalities and their officers to legal uncertainty, financial burdens, and operational difficulties, observing that the federal government has already sued New Jersey twice since March 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board is additionally concerned that requiring officers to reveal facial identity without adequate operational exceptions may increase the risk of retaliation, harassment, doxxing, targeting of officers and their families, and compromise of undercover, tactical, or other security-sensitive functions; and

WHEREAS, the Board also finds that limiting the collection or sharing of personal information may impede legitimate law enforcement investigations, inter-agency coordination, and emergency response efforts, including efforts involving individuals who may pose threats to public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Board therefore wishes to formally express its opposition to the foregoing enactments and to urge the Legislature and the Governor to repeal them; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's sanctuary policies have directly resulted in two (2) avoidable lawsuits initiated by the federal government challenging unconstitutional policies as well as violent unrest and disorder outside of Newark's Delaney Hall, a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) detention facility; and

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted Resolution #109-25 (February 26, 2025), calling on then New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy and Attorney General Matthew J. Platkin to uphold their oaths and obligations under U.S. and New Jersey law to address unprecedented levels of illegal immigration; and

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted Resolution #680-24 (December 11, 2024), supporting the strengthening of state and federal cooperation on immigration enforcement, citing its importance for public safety and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted Resolution #416-19 (August 28, 2019), supporting litigation challenging then New Jersey Attorney General Gurbir Grewal's Enforcement Directive No. 2018-6, which limited state law enforcement's role in civil immigration enforcement to narrowly defined circumstances; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The County of Warren hereby formally opposes the recently enacted laws identified above.
2. The Board finds that these laws, individually and collectively, raise substantial concerns regarding public safety, law enforcement officer safety, effective federal-state and interagency cooperation, and the ability of local law enforcement to carry out its responsibilities in a clear, coordinated, and lawful manner.

3. The Board further finds, as a matter of policy and legal concern, that state measures restricting cooperation, identification practices, or information-sharing in this area may create practical conflicts with legitimate law enforcement objectives, burden municipal operations, and contribute to costly and divisive disputes concerning the limits of state authority, federal supremacy in immigration matters, and preemption principles under the United States Constitution.
4. The Board urges the Governor of New Jersey and the New Jersey Legislature to repeal the laws identified above and to take such prompt executive and legislative action as may be necessary to eliminate the risks these laws may pose to officer safety, law enforcement effectiveness, and sound intergovernmental relations.
5. The Board further urges that any future legislation in this area respect the supremacy of the federal government under the United States Constitution in matters of immigration policy and enforcement, and include clear protections for officer safety and operations, workable standards for interagency coordination, and provisions that preserve the ability of law enforcement to respond effectively to threats to the public.
6. The Board encourages state, county, and local law enforcement, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to cooperate with other law enforcement agencies in securing our community against threats to public safety as well as assist federal authorities in safeguarding government installations located in the Garden State;
7. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Governor of New Jersey, the President of the New Jersey Senate, the Speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly, New Jersey State Senator Douglas Steinhardt, New Jersey State Senator Parker Space, New Jersey State Assemblyman John DiMaio, New Jersey State Assemblyman Erik Peterson, New Jersey State Assemblywoman Dawn Fantasia, New Jersey State Association of Counties, the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey, and such other public officials and organizations as may be appropriate.

ROLL CALL: Jason Sarnoski, James Kern III, Lori Ciesla

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak
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