

**State of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations
Town of Bristol
Town Council**

A

Resolution

**TO PROTECT IMMIGRANTS IN THE TOWN OF BRISTOL
A Commitment to Equal, Respectful and Fair Treatment of All People
Regardless of Their Immigration, Ethnic or Religious Status
and a
Commitment to Remain a Welcoming Community**

WHEREAS, the Town of Bristol has long welcomed and embraced individuals of diverse racial, ethnic, religious, and national backgrounds, and the Town takes great pride in its nondiscriminatory police policies; and

WHEREAS, fostering a relationship of trust, respect, and open communication between Town officials and residents is essential to delivering effective public health services and maintaining a high quality of life; and

WHEREAS, mutual respect and trust between the community and the Bristol Police Department are critical to promoting public safety, since the police depend on the cooperation of individuals, documented or not, who are victims of, or witnesses to, crimes; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Bristol Town Council to clarify the relationship between the Town and the federal government regarding enforcement of immigration laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, by the Town Council of the Town of Bristol in the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations that:

First: No department, employee, or official of the Town of Bristol shall withhold information, town services, or benefits based on status of citizenship, immigration, ethnicity, or religious affiliation.

Second: All departments, employees, and officials of the Town of Bristol shall comply with the United States and Rhode Island Constitutions, the Rhode Island Attorney General Directives, and federal and state nondiscrimination laws; and shall not take any actions that profile individuals or groups based on religion, race, ethnicity, national

origin, or immigration status; and shall not engage in racially or immigration influenced policing.

Third: No department, employee, or official of the Town of Bristol shall take part in the registration or reporting of individuals based on religion, race, ethnicity, national origin, or immigration status.

Fourth: The Bristol Police Department's overriding mission is to enforce state and local criminal laws and to protect the community it serves.

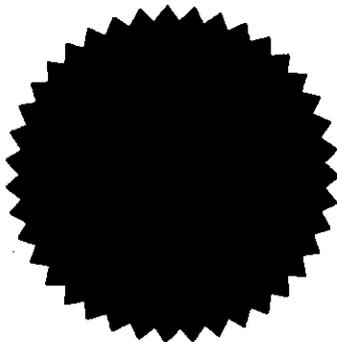
Fifth: The Bristol Police Department shall adhere to the directives and guidelines of the Rhode Island Attorney General with respect to the manner in which local law enforcement agencies interact with federal immigration authorities.

Sixth: The Town of Bristol, including its departments, employees, and officials shall not expend town funds or resources to enforce federal immigration laws unless required by federal or state statute, regulation, court decision, or directives and guidelines of the Rhode Island Attorney General.

Seventh: Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed or implemented to conflict with any obligation imposed by state or federal statutes applicable regulations, and directives of the Rhode Island Attorney General.

Eighth: Town employees and officials shall monitor any efforts by the federal government to withhold or withdraw federal funding.

Ninth: The Town shall monitor any efforts to require the expenditure of funds or resources to enforce federal immigration laws and shall take action to appeal or challenge any such requirement.



I hereby certify that at its regular meeting of April 5, 2017 being duly noticed and with a quorum present and voting the Bristol Town Council unanimously adopted the foregoing.

Attest:



Louis P. Cirillo, CMC, Council Clerk