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WHEREAS, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has conducted raids, door-to-door enforcement actions, and armed operations that have sometimes relied on race, ethnicity, language, or appearance rather than individualized evidence; and

WHEREAS, such actions have resulted in the questioning, detention, arrest, and murder of U.S. citizens, including Native Americans, raising serious concerns about targeting based on appearance or ancestry; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous peoples, the original inhabitants of this land, have been wrongfully detained during ICE operations, reflecting a long history of systemic discrimination; and

WHEREAS, ICE has conducted door-to-door operations without judicial warrants in ways that raise concerns about racial profiling and potential violations of constitutional protections against unreasonable searches and seizures; and

WHEREAS, ICE enforcement actions have involved militarized tactics and the use of force, including shootings that have resulted in loss of life, causing harm to families, communities, and bystanders, including Americans with lawful status; and

WHEREAS, these enforcement practices, which sometimes detain individuals based on appearance, language, or ancestry rather than conduct, are reminiscent of historical practices such as slave catching, which targeted people based on race and heritage; and

WHEREAS, ICE operations have targeted sensitive locations, including schools, churches, and hospitals, creating risks for children, patients, medical professionals, educators, and other vulnerable members of the community; and

WHEREAS, immigration infractions are civil matters under federal law, not criminal offenses, and ICE's statutory authority is limited to civil immigration enforcement rather than general law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the expansion and militarization of ICE enforcement, including raids and door-to-door operations, was intensified during the administration of President Donald J. Trump, contributing to increased fear and concern in communities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, these practices create a climate of fear and mistrust in our community, discouraging residents from reporting crimes, seeking emergency assistance, accessing education and health care, participating in civic life, or worshiping with their community; and

WHEREAS, racial profiling and the use of lethal force by any government agency are incompatible with equal protection under the law, undermine public safety, and erode trust in government institutions; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Lansing Town Board expresses strong opposition to racial profiling by ICE, including enforcement actions that target individuals based on race, ethnicity, appearance, language, or perceived immigration status; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board expresses concern about ICE raids, door-to-door operations, warrantless detentions, and the use of force, including actions that have resulted in loss of life; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board expresses concern regarding the detention, harassment, injury, or loss of life affecting U.S. citizens, immigrants with legal status, and Native Americans, recognizing such outcomes as deeply harmful to civil and human rights; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Lansing affirms that no resident should be stopped, questioned, detained, injured, or killed by a federal agency because of who they are or how they look, and that schools, churches, and hospitals should never be targeted in enforcement actions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board recognizes that immigration infractions are civil matters under federal law, that ICE's statutory authority does not make it a general criminal law enforcement agency, and that enforcement practices should reflect these limits; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board calls on federal authorities to review and end enforcement practices that rely on racial, ethnic, or ancestry-based profiling and that pose risks of harm, loss of life, or community fear, while upholding constitutional rights, human dignity, and the sanctity of human life; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to State Senator Lea Webb, State Assemblymember Anna Kelles, Governor Kathy Hochul, U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, and U.S. Representative Riley, as well as any other appropriate state and federal representatives, to formally express the Town of Lansing's concerns.

The question of the adoption of such proposed Resolution was duly motioned by Councilperson _____ duly seconded by Councilperson _____ and put to a roll call vote with the following results:

Councilperson Judy Drake –

Councilperson Christine Montague –

Supervisor Ruth Groff –

Councilperson Laurie Hemmings –

Councilperson Joseph Wetmore –

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on February 19, 2026.