RESOLUTION R-2025-0068

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DURANGO, COLORADO, REAFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO ALL RESIDENTS, COMMUNITY SAFETY, AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE MISSION OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2004, the City of Durango adopted Resolution R-2004-40, which recognized that Durango has always been a home for immigrants who contribute to our city's cultural richness and diversity, and declared that all persons shall be treated with equal respect and dignity, regardless of immigration status; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2015, the City of Durango adopted Resolution R-2015-32, which clarified that the City is not, and has never been, a "Sanctuary City," while reaffirming the City's policy to discourage all forms of discrimination and promote social harmony; and

WHEREAS, an increase in federal immigration enforcement activity, and recent actions by other Colorado communities such as Pitkin County, Aspen, and Glenwood Springs, have highlighted the importance of reasserting and strengthening the City's foundational policies to ensure our community remains a safe and welcoming place for all; and

WHEREAS, the immigrant workforce is essential to the economic vitality of Colorado, holding **11.7% of jobs statewide** and representing a higher labor force participation rate, with these crucial contributions mirrored in Durango's own service industries, construction, and hospitality sectors, and collectively driving significant economic activity with an estimated household spending power of **$21.3 billion**; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Durango finds that the well-being and safety of all residents, including our immigrant neighbors, are integral to our local economy and cultural fabric; and

WHEREAS, the Durango Police Department's mission, "One Department, One Community—One Durango," commits its officers to building trust, protecting the vulnerable, and preventing crime; and

WHEREAS, a clear, unified message from the City Council is essential to empower our local law enforcement to effectively perform their duties while maintaining the trust of the community they serve; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DURANGO, COLORADO:

SECTION 1. The City Council reaffirms its unwavering support for the well-being of every member of the Durango community, recognizing that all residents are an integral part of our city.

SECTION 2. The City of Durango shall continue its policy to strengthen community safety and trust, requiring federal judicial warrants for cooperation on federal immigration enforcement.

SECTION 3. The City Council publicly affirms its support for the Durango Police Department in its commitment to building trust and protecting all residents without inquiring about immigration status or using local resources for federal immigration enforcement.

SECTION 6. The City of Durango will use universal framing such as "resident inclusion" and "community safety" in public communications concerning all persons living in Durango and will make no distinction between individuals or groups based on their federal immigration status.

SECTION 7. The City Council will establish a task force, including immigrant leaders and community advocates, to guide policy, audit existing municipal policies for compliance with this resolution and equal access to resources.

SECTION 8. This resolution shall serve as a clear and unified message that the City of Durango stands with all its residents and with its local police department, reinforcing that Durango is a place where all people are treated with respect and dignity under the law.

Approved and adopted this 7th day of October, 2025.

CITY OF DURANGO, COLORADO

By: _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

CITY OF DURANGO, COLORADO SEAL

By: _____
Faye Harmer, City Clerk