BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF TETON COUNTY

RESOLUTION #_____

Teton County's Commitment to Community Trust, Public Safety, and Support of Dignity, Rights, and the Equal Treatment of All People in Teton County

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution guarantees fundamental rights including due process, equal protection under the law, and freedom from unreasonable search, seizure, and detention; and

WHEREAS, these constitutional protections apply to all persons, regardless of immigration status, and are essential to community safety, trust in government, and democratic governance; and

WHEREAS, Teton County adheres to the principles of the Constitution of the United States of America, including the protections embodied in the Fourth Amendment and the rights afforded to all persons under the law;

WHEREAS, Teton County's core values include honoring, protecting, and preserving the values of democracy, freedom, dignity, and human rights of all; and

WHEREAS, Teton County is committed to transparency in government, responsible dedication of its resources, and the protection of residents' privacy;

WHEREAS, the trust and cooperation of all residents is necessary for the effective operation of Teton County's local government and public safety, and public safety is strengthened when all residents are able to participate in civic life and daily activities, as well as report crimes and speak to the police without fear of being arrested, detained by, or reported to the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency based solely on immigration status;

WHEREAS, the recent increase in federal immigration enforcement activity across the country and the state of Wyoming have highlighted the importance of asserting that Teton County remains committed to the protections afforded to all residents under the U.S. Constitution that ensure all people shall be treated equally with respect and dignity, regardless of immigration status;

WHEREAS, estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau indicate that foreign-born individuals make up almost one third of the population of the Town of Jackson and at least fourteen percent of the population of Teton County; and

WHEREAS, immigrant residents play an important role in the economy of Teton County by making significant contributions to its workforce, businesses, cultural life, and community well-being.

NOW, THEREFORE it be resolved that, the Board of County Commissioners supports immigrant residents as integral members of the community, welcomes and encourages them to live, work, and study in Teton County, and recognizes them for their contributions to strengthen the County's economy, culture, and civic life.

The Board of County Commissioners affirms its commitment to the well-being of all residents and to the principles of dignity, due process, equal protection, and fair treatment under the law, regardless of federal immigration status.

The Board of Commissioners commits to policies, practices, and community partnerships that promote public safety and strengthen trust between residents and local law enforcement, including establishing clear protocols for the use of County resources when required to assist federal immigration authorities, to guarantee the needs of the community are met, first and foremost.

The Board of Commissioners encourages that information regarding Sheriff's Office procedures for responding to requests from federal immigration authorities is clear, publicly available, and consistent with applicable law.

The Board of County Commissioners assures its immigrant communities that the County supports them, will do all it can to maintain and improve their quality of life, and does not tolerate acts of hate, discrimination, bullying or harassment.

The Board of County Commissioners will ensure that County services are accessible to all residents, without unnecessary barriers, including citizenship or immigration status checks, unless specifically restricted by Wyoming state statute, federal regulation, or court decision.

Adopted on the 28th day of September, 2026

TETON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Mark Newcomb, Chair

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Attest:

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Maureen E. Murphy, Teton County Clerk