

ALACHUA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING COMMUNITY CONCERNS REGARDING THE COMMUNITY IMPACTS OF IMMIGRATION- RELATED LAW- ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES, AFFIRMING COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 908, FLORIDA STATUTES, ENCOURAGING TRANSPARENCY AND COMMUNITY TRUST IN LAW- ENFORCEMENT PRACTICES, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County is charged with protecting the health, safety, and welfare of all people who live, work, study, and visit in the county, including supporting the constitutional rights afforded to all individuals under the United States and Florida Constitutions; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges that Florida law, including §§ 908.103–908.105, prohibits sanctuary policies, requires local law enforcement agencies to use their best efforts to support federal immigration enforcement, and requires local law enforcement agencies to honor immigration detainers issued in accordance with state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, the Board affirms the county’s commitment to ensuring that all residents feel safe seeking emergency and social services, reporting crimes, and cooperating with local government and public safety officials, and that such engagement is strengthened when individuals feel confident that their constitutional rights will be respected; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the establishment or expansion of federal immigration-related law enforcement offices and/or detention facilities within the county could affect community trust and may create conditions in which residents feel less safe and willing to engage with local government and public safety agencies,

WHEREAS, the Board finds that locating new or expanded immigration-related law enforcement facilities in the county could impose direct and indirect demands on county services, infrastructure, and public utilities, including staff time, emergency response capacity, water and sewer capacity, electrical and communications infrastructure, and other local resources; and

WHEREAS, the Board supports law enforcement practices that promote public safety, uphold constitutional rights, and maintain community confidence, and therefore has concerns about enforcement actions—whether immigration-related or otherwise—that may be indiscriminate, based on profiling, or otherwise destructive, recognizing that such actions erode public trust;

WHEREAS, the Board urges all law enforcement personnel operating in the county, including those engaged in immigration-related activities, to act transparently and professionally and to identify themselves clearly with their proper authority and without masks, when engaging with members of the public or with local officials, consistent with applicable law, agency policy, and constitutional principles of due process and accountability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Support for Local Law Enforcement Duties.** The Board acknowledges that Florida Statutes §§ 908.103–908.105:
 1. prohibit sanctuary policies,
 2. require local law enforcement agencies to use their best efforts to support federal immigration enforcement, and
 3. require local law enforcement agencies to honor immigration detainers issued in accordance with state and federal law.

The Board acknowledges local agencies must fulfill these obligations and reaffirms their desire to ensure all law enforcement duties are carried out in a manner that prioritizes community safety, fair and impartial enforcement of the law, and the protection of constitutional rights and due process.

2. **Commitment to Community Safety and Constitutional Protections.** The Board reaffirms its commitment to maintaining a safe, secure, and accessible environment for all residents and visitors, and to supporting the constitutional rights and due process of all individuals, including access to county services without fear or hesitation.
3. **Expression of Urgent Concerns Regarding Federal Immigration Enforcement Facility Siting.** The Board raises urgent concern regarding the potential establishment or expansion of federal immigration- related law enforcement offices or detention facilities within Alachua County. The Board recognizes the potential negative impacts on community trust, public safety, the effective delivery of local government services, and the potential demands on county resources, infrastructure, and public utilities.
4. **Concerns Regarding Indiscriminate or Destructive Arrest Practices.** The Board expresses it is essential to ensure arrest practices—whether immigration-related or otherwise— continue in such a way that are not indiscriminate, based on profiling, or otherwise destructive, recognizing that such actions undermine public confidence, deter cooperation with local government and law enforcement, and disrupt community stability.
5. **Identification of All Law Enforcement Personnel, Including Those Engaged in Immigration-Related Activities for Public Safety.** The Board respectfully urges all law enforcement personnel operating in the county to continue operating in a way that:

1. Clearly displays official identification and agency affiliation and do not wear masks of other face obstructions when interacting with the public or local officials, except where law or agency policy provides otherwise;
 2. Exercises discretion in ways that support community trust and do not discourage cooperation with local public safety agencies;
 3. Coordinates with local authorities and community leaders to minimize unintended impacts on public safety and to support effective responses to local needs;
 4. Provides clear information to the public about the nature and purpose of law enforcement activities, including immigration-related activities, when engagement with residents is necessary.
6. **Nonbinding Nature.** The Board of County Commissioners issues this Resolution as a statement of policy only. It creates no enforceable rights or obligations, does not attempt to impede federal or state activities, and shall not be construed to conflict with or supersede federal or state law, including Florida Statutes §§ 908.103–908.105.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective upon approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

DULY ADOPTED in regular session, this ____ day of _____, 2026.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ATTEST:

J.K. “Jess” Irby, Esq.
Clerk of Court

BY: _____
Ken Cornell, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

County Attorney

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