

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION \_\_\_-2026**

**A Resolution Expressing Concern Regarding Federal Immigration Enforcement Practices and Affirming Support for State and County Measures to Protect Immigrant Communities**

**WHEREAS**, residents of Takoma Park are deeply concerned about the recent incident in Minneapolis in which federal immigration enforcement personnel fatally shot an individual during an operation in a residential neighborhood, raising questions about the necessity, proportionality, and coordination of such actions; and

**WHEREAS**, community members and observers have noted that the presence of multiple federal enforcement teams in our densely populated, diverse area has heightened fear, escalated tensions, and undermined the trust that this local jurisdiction, like many others, has worked so hard with its dedicated local law enforcement team to build with immigrant community members; and

**WHEREAS**, conflicting commands and rapid escalation reported during the Minneapolis incident have intensified public scrutiny of federal enforcement protocols, training, and oversight, particularly in situations where local authorities are not involved in planning or supervision; and

**WHEREAS**, statements made by national officials, prior to the completion of any independent investigation, have prompted widespread concern about the erosion of due process, and the potential for racial, ethnic or political bias in federal enforcement narratives; and

**WHEREAS**, Takoma Park's long-standing commitment to safeguarding civil liberties and supporting immigrant communities is strengthened by the active engagement of residents, advocacy organizations, and local institutions who work to uphold constitutional protections for all people;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City Council of Takoma Park expresses its grave concern regarding the circumstances of the Minneapolis shooting and the broader pattern of federal immigration enforcement operations, including the numerous federal immigration enforcement actions without judicial warrants that have been carried out in and around our community in recent months, and which place communities like ours at risk and undermine public trust in law enforcement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the City Council reaffirms its commitment to remaining a welcoming and inclusive City of belonging that supports policies that protect the rights, safety and dignity of all residents, regardless of immigration status, and supports approaches to public safety that emphasize de-escalation, accountability, and community partnership; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the City of Takoma Park hereby expresses its strong support for the Montgomery County Council’s adoption of the **Trust Act**, which will enact into law current policies that limit local participation in federal immigration enforcement activities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the City of Takoma Park calls on the Maryland General Assembly to enact the **Immigration Enforcement (Maryland Values Act)**, which will, once enacted, prohibit agreements between state or local law enforcement agencies and federal immigration authorities under **Section 287(g)** of the Immigration and Nationality Act; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the City Council opposes the aggressive and disruptive tactics of Federal immigration enforcement officials within our borders and surrounding jurisdictions, and calls on the Federal government to ensure that any federal law enforcement official who enters Takoma Park (a) uncover their face; (b) display their organizational affiliation; (c) display their name/identification, (d) present a judicial warrant to justify detaining any individual who may be sought for a legitimate law or immigration enforcement purpose, and (e) adhere to generally accepted use of force standards consistent with Maryland’s and Takoma Park’s adherence to the Federal and State Constitutions and the rule of law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council will take steps to transmit this Resolution to appropriate Federal, State and County officials to inform them and ask that they take relevant action.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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