

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-__

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS,
COLORADO**

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO PURSUE LEGAL
ACTION TO PERMIT THE COUNTY TO FULLY COOPERATE WITH FEDERAL
LAW ENFORCEMENT**

WHEREAS, for the general welfare of the residents of Douglas County, Colorado (the “County”), the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Douglas, State of Colorado (the “Board”) directs the County Attorney to pursue such necessary legal action as to challenge state laws that impede the County from cooperating with federal law enforcement and otherwise provide for the safety of the County.

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Colorado General Assembly enacted House Bill 19-1124, which prohibited local governments from cooperating with the federal government in immigration enforcement and prohibited state judicial officials from sharing information with the federal government.

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Colorado General Assembly enacted House Bill 23-1100, effective January 1, 2024, which prohibits local government involvement in immigration detention.

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. §30-10-516, it is the County Sheriff’s duty to maintain the peace, including apprehending and securing any person who breaches the peace. In addition, pursuant to C.R.S. §30-10-511, the County Sheriff has charge and custody of the county jail. Pursuant to C.R.S. §30-10-514, the County Sheriff is responsible for the transportation of prisoners.

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges there is an immigration crisis in the United States. The Board further acknowledges state laws that prohibit local governments from working with federal immigration offices exacerbate that crisis.

WHEREAS, the County adheres to the rule of law, respects both local and federal law enforcement, supports local control over county matters, and seeks to cooperate with federal law enforcement to provide for the safety of our community.

WHEREAS, the Board asserts state laws and regulations that prohibit local governments from cooperating with and supporting federal law enforcement are unconstitutional, conflict with Colorado public safety laws, interfere with the Sheriff’s duties, and are otherwise illegal.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Douglas, State of Colorado, directs the County Attorney to pursue legal action to challenge state laws that limit the County’s ability to cooperate with federal law enforcement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of March 2024, in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO**

BY:

George Teal, Chair

ATTEST:

KRISTIN RANLETT, Clerk to the Board