

RESOLUTION
R2024-072

**A Resolution Declaring DeKalb County a Non-Sanctuary County for Asylum
Seeker Immigration**

Be it resolved by the County Board of the County of DeKalb, Illinois as follows:

WHEREAS, Article 1, section 8 of the United States Constitution gives Congress the power to establish a uniform rule of naturalization; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of congress to establish all laws and rules regarding naturalization;
and

WHEREAS, the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified on July 9, 1869, and granted citizenship to “all persons born or naturalized in the United States” are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside; and

WHEREAS, local law enforcement in Illinois is dedicated to protecting the communities they serve and promoting public safety requires the assistance and cooperation of the community, so law enforcement has the ability to gather the information necessary to solve and deter crime; and

WHEREAS, the trust of residents is crucial to ensure that they report crimes, provide witness statements, cooperate with law enforcement and feel comfortable seeking help when they are concerned about their safety; and

WHEREAS, Illinois law enforcement is governed by the 2017 Illinois Trust Act, which helps bolster cooperation with communities and confirms that law enforcement entities in Illinois are largely prohibited from participating in immigration enforcement operations; and

WHEREAS, local law enforcement may not enter into immigration enforcement agreements with federal immigration authorities; and

WHEREAS, there is no express or inherent authority under Illinois law that permits state or local law enforcement to enforce federal immigration law; and

WHEREAS, local law enforcement may not stop, arrest, search, or detain an individual on the sole basis that they are undocumented; and

WHEREAS, only federal officers have the authority to arrest an individual for violation of civil immigration law without a criminal warrant; and

WHEREAS, Illinois cities such as Chicago have declared themselves a "SANCTUARY CITY" by passing their "Welcoming City Ordinance" in 2021 protecting undocumented immigrants and refugees; and

WHEREAS, the volume of asylum seekers in voluntary Sanctuary Cities are reportedly overwhelming social service agencies and straining community resources to the point the State of

Illinois is offering over \$40 million in grants to communities to take on these asylum seekers; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County joins with other communities that are concerned with the lack of a Federal or State comprehensive plan for services to these asylum seekers such as Schaumburg, Elk Grove Village and Rosemont who have passed ordinances prohibiting, restricting and taxing the use of Hotels, Motels, Warehouses etc. for the extended use by illegal immigrants; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the DeKalb County government to look after the public safety, health and welfare of its residents first and foremost with the taxes levied for such purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County of DeKalb, a unit of local government, by and through the DeKalb County Board that we declare ourselves a non-sanctuary county with regards to the busses of asylum seekers that may arrive here in the County, and we dedicate our limited resources to the residents of DeKalb County.

PASSED THIS 26TH DAY OF JUNE 2024 AT SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Tasha Sims
DeKalb County Clerk

Ellingsworth Webb, Chair
DeKalb County Board