

**Business of the Village Board  
Village of Saranac Lake**

SUBJECT: Safeguarding Residents

Date: 2/10/2025

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Trustee White

Bill # 17-2025

DATE SUBMITTED: 2/6/2025

EXHIBITS:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Village Attorney

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Village Administration

EXPENDITURE  
REQUIRED:

AMOUNT  
BUDGETED:

APPROPRIATION  
REQUIRED:

MOVED BY: White      SECONDED BY: Brunette

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

MAYOR WILLIAMS

no

TRUSTEE BRUNETTE

yes

TRUSTEE RYAN

no

TRUSTEE SCOLLIN

no

TRUSTEE WHITE

yes

**\*\*RESOLUTION FOR SAFEGUARDING OUR RESIDENTS AND OUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES \*\***

WHEREAS, the Village of Saranac Lake respects, upholds, and values equal protection and equal treatment for all of our residents and visitors, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, country of origin or immigration status; and

WHEREAS, access to Village services is essential for all Village residents, and all individuals should have equal access to public safety, emergency services, and social assistance without fear; and

WHEREAS, the resources of the Village of Saranac Lake are finite, and the funding of Village services through local property taxes is an issue of extraordinary concern; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is best suited, and required by law, to enforce federal immigration laws; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Saranac Lake assures all of its residents that the Village supports them, and will not tolerate acts of hate, discrimination, or harassment against any individual of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Saranac Lake Police Department and its officers may not use agency or department resources—including monies, facilities, property, equipment, or personnel—to investigate, enforce, or assist in the investigation or enforcement of any federal program solely on the basis of immigration status; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village of Saranac Lake Police Department and its officers shall not stop, question, interrogate, investigate, or arrest an individual based solely on any of the following:

- Actual or suspected immigration or citizenship status;
- Any actual or suspected civil violation of federal immigration laws; or
- A civil immigration warrant, administrative warrant, or an immigration detainer in the individual's name, including those identified in the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village of Saranac Lake Police Department shall not inquire about the immigration status of an individual, including a crime victim, a witness, or a person who calls or approaches the police seeking assistance, unless necessary to investigate criminal activity by that individual.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village of Saranac Lake Police Department and its officers shall not perform or support the functions of a federal civil immigration officer or otherwise engage in the enforcement of federal civil immigration law, whether on its own accord, pursuant to informal arrangements, under Section 1357(g) of Title 8 of the United States Code, or under any other law, program, regulation, or policy.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Village of Saranac Lake reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that all individuals, regardless of immigration status, have safe and equal access to public safety, emergency services, and social resources without fear of discrimination, harassment, or detention based solely on their immigration status.