

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

SUBJECT: Safeguarding residents

Date: 8/25/2025

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Trustee White

BILL # 119-2025

DATE SUBMITTED: 8/21/2025

EXHIBITS: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Attorney

Village Administration

EXPENDITURE
REQUIRED: \$0

AMOUNT
BUDGETED: \$0

APPROPRIATION
REQUIRED: \$0

SUMMARY STATEMENT

RECOMMENDED ACTION

MOVED BY: White SECONDED BY: Scollin

VOTE ON ROLL CALL: To table

MAYOR WILLIAMS

yes

TRUSTEE BRUNETTE

yes

TRUSTEE RYAN

yes

TRUSTEE SCOLLIN

yes

TRUSTEE WHITE

yes

****Resolution****

WHEREAS, the Village of Saranac Lake respects, upholds, and values equal protection and equal treatment for all 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, or social assistance without fear; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Saranac Lake and the Saranac Lake Police Department is committed to providing the same opportunities, resources, and treatment to everyone, regardless of their background, characteristics, or beliefs, ensuring that everyone is treated in a just and unbiased manner, free from prejudice.

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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Saranac Lake Board of Trustees assures its residents that we will not tolerate acts of hate, discrimination, or harassment against any individual of our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Members of the Saranac Lake Village Police Department will not use village or department resources—including monies, facilities, property, equipment, or personnel—to investigate, enforce, or assist in the investigation or enforcement of any federal program based solely on actual or perceived immigration status; and

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 help, unless necessary to investigate criminal activity by that individual; 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:

- immigration or citizenship status; or
- violation of federal immigration laws;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village of Saranac Lake Police Department and its officers shall not perform or support the functions of a federal immigration officer or otherwise engage in the enforcement of federal immigration law; and

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.