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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, In response to the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, the United States Congress passed the Homeland Security Act, which abolished the Immigration and Naturalization Service, replacing it with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and included the establishment of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, now known as U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE); and

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WHEREAS, According to the ICE website, "Congress granted ICE a unique combination of civil and criminal authorities to better protect national security and public safety in answer to the tragic events on 9/11. Leveraging those authorities, ICE's primary mission is to promote homeland security and public safety through the criminal and civil enforcement of federal laws governing border control, customs, trade and immigration"; and

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WHEREAS, Even prior to the reelection of Donald Trump as President of the United States in 2024, ICE has had a troubled history, which has been criticized by both sides of the political spectrum, and has been mired in controversy by using its funding to detain immigrants in egregiously inhumane conditions and deport immigrants with little to no due process or consideration for their familial and community ties to the

1 United States; and

2 WHEREAS, ICE has long had a culture of abuse and has been
3 referred to as an unaccountable agency that has treated
4 detained individuals, including children, inhumanely,
5 bordering on crimes against humanity; and

6 WHEREAS, On January 20, 2025, President Trump signed
7 numerous immigration-related Executive Orders, including
8 Executive Order No. 14159, entitled "Protecting The American
9 People Against Invasion", which requires the Attorney General
10 and the Secretary of Homeland Security to ensure that
11 sanctuary states do not receive access to federal funds and to
12 undertake any criminal or civil actions they deem warranted
13 based on any sanctuary state's practices that they deem
14 interferes with the enforcement of federal law; and

15 WHEREAS, On January 20, 2025, President Trump signed
16 Executive Order No. 14163, entitled "Realigning the United
17 States Refugee Admissions Program", which indefinitely
18 suspends the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) and
19 requires the Secretary of Homeland Security to suspend
20 decisions on applications for refugee status until USRAP
21 resumes; and

22 WHEREAS, On January 20, 2025, President Trump signed

1 Executive Order No. 14165, entitled "Securing Our Borders",
2 which reinstates the Migrant Protection Protocols in all
3 sectors along the southern border, ends the use of the CBP One
4 application as a method of paroling or facilitating the entry
5 of immigrants and refugees, and terminates categorical parole
6 programs, including the program known as the Processes for
7 Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans; and

8 WHEREAS, On January 21, 2025, the Trump Administration
9 ended a policy that previously protected sensitive locations,
10 including schools, hospitals, and churches, from ICE
11 operations; and

12 WHEREAS, Due to lax federal oversight, ICE has routinely
13 engaged in deceptive practices which mislead the public,
14 including posing as local law enforcement despite not being
15 trained or deputized as police officers, misrepresenting
16 administrative warrants as judicial warrants, and pressuring
17 local and state law enforcement to violate due process rights
18 by holding and transferring people who are being released to
19 ICE; and

20 WHEREAS, In collaboration with other federal agencies, ICE
21 has used deportation or the threat of deportation as a tool to
22 pressure immigrants, especially those of Hispanic, Arab,
23 Middle Eastern, and South Asian descent, to spy against their

1 own communities for the United States government; and

2 WHEREAS, On September 8, 2025, DHS, under the direction of
3 President Trump and DHS Secretary Kristi Noem, formally
4 launched "Operation Midway Blitz" with the purported goal of
5 hunting, arresting, and deporting "illegal criminal aliens" in
6 the Chicagoland region; and

7 WHEREAS, In publicly available data obtained by the
8 Deportation Data Project through Freedom of Information Act
9 (FOIA) requests to DHS, at least 1,600 people were arrested in
10 Illinois during Operation Midway Blitz from September 8
11 through October 15, 2025; and

12 WHEREAS, In publicly available data obtained by the
13 Deportation Data Project through FOIA requests to DHS, it was
14 reported that 66% of the people detained during Operation
15 Midway Blitz had no prior criminal charges, while only 17% had
16 a prior criminal conviction and only 3% had prior criminal
17 convictions for violent crimes; and

18 WHEREAS, On September 12, 2025, Silverio
19 Villegas-Gonzalez, a 38-year-old with a limited record of
20 traffic violations and father of two sons, was shot and killed
21 by an ICE agent in Franklin Park during a traffic stop and
22 arrest attempt; and

1 WHEREAS, On October 4, 2025, Marimar Martinez, a
2 30-year-old American citizen, was following DHS agents before
3 being shot by a DHS agent five times, leaving her with seven
4 wounds; criminal charges were brought against Martinez for her
5 behavior leading up to the shooting, but all federal charges
6 were dropped with prejudice in November 2025; and

7 WHEREAS, On October 21, 2025, Rey Estrada, a 20-year
8 resident of Chicago with no criminal record and father of
9 three boys, was detained by ICE in Rogers Park in Chicago in
10 the 7th State Senate District while performing paid
11 landscaping work; following his arrest, he spent three hours
12 in the back of an ICE SUV, the next 48 hours in the Broadview
13 processing center alongside 150 other men, and the next ten
14 weeks in federal custody in the North Lake Processing Center
15 in Baldwin, Michigan until he obtained release on \$1,500 bond
16 following a successful habeas corpus petition; and

17 WHEREAS, On January 7, 2026, Renee Nicole Good, an
18 American citizen and mother of three children, was shot and
19 killed by an ICE agent in Minneapolis, Minnesota while acting
20 as a legal observer of DHS immigration enforcement; and

21 WHEREAS, Under the direction of President Trump, DHS
22 Secretary Noem, and Homeland Security Advisor Stephen Miller,

1 ICE has consistently and continuously demonstrated an
2 inability to fulfill its duties without violating due process,
3 human rights, transparency, or public accountability, and the
4 agency fails to adhere to domestic and international law; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States of America does not need an
6 opaque and rogue agency operating in our communities,
7 dehumanizing and deporting our neighbors in immigrant
8 communities, and acting lawlessly without consequence;
9 Illinois, being home to one of the largest and most diverse
10 immigrant communities in the nation, has enacted policies to
11 protect immigrants and refugees from the inhumane treatment
12 and aggressive tactics of ICE, but there are still countless
13 stories of brutal detentions and unjust deportations;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the 119th
17 United States Congress to abolish U.S. Immigration and Customs
18 Enforcement (ICE); and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That we urge Congress to implement an orderly
20 and just transfer of essential and basic legally required
21 functions in a manner that upholds values of due process,
22 equality under the law, and family unity upon or before the
23 abolition of ICE; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
2 delivered to the President of the United States, the Vice
3 President of the United States, the Speaker of the U.S. House
4 of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate,
5 and all members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.