

Introduced by the Law & Courts Committee of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THAT INGHAM COUNTY IS A WELCOMING COMMUNITY TO
IMMIGRANTS**

RESOLUTION #24 –613

WHEREAS, Ingham County is a welcoming community and respects the innate dignity of all people as affirmed in Resolution 14-333 and reaffirmed in Resolutions 15-452 and 17-056; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County community has long been recognized as a hospitable and welcoming place, where people, families, and institutions thrive and the contributions of all are celebrated and valued; and

WHEREAS, residents of Ingham County live up to our highest American values of acceptance and equality, and treat newcomers with decency and respect, creating a vibrant community for all to live; and

WHEREAS, as a country it is not our custom to turn our backs on people who are in need, we denounce those who have played into fear tactics and attempted to close the door to immigrants who come here searching for a better life, Ingham County has been and will continue to be a safe and welcoming place for those who choose to resettle here; and

WHEREAS, Ingham County recognizes that the safety of American citizens is of utmost importance and welcoming immigrants does not compromise this safety.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners affirms that Ingham County is a safe place to live and will continue to be a welcoming community that respects the dignity of all people, including immigrants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board opposes any effort by those who discriminate against persons based on their country of origin, immigration status, or religion or to mischaracterize foreign-born persons as public safety threats.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk forward copies of this resolution to the other Michigan Counties.

LAW & COURTS: Yeas: Polsdofer, Celentino, Trubac, Cahill, Johnson, Lawrence, Maiville.

Nays: Schafer.

Absent: None

Approved 12/05/24

COUNTY OF INGHAM) SS
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 17th day of December, 2024.

Barb Byrum, County Clerk
Ingham County