

Support for the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Local Law Enforcement February 10, 2026

WHEREAS, the safety and security of our community is of utmost importance, and it is the duty of all levels of government to ensure that all citizens and legal residents can live in a safe and secure environment, and;

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) plays a crucial role in safeguarding our nation's borders and is responsible for enforcing immigration laws, protecting the country from potential threats, and maintaining the rule of law for public safety, and;

WHEREAS, partnership and cooperation between federal agencies such as DHS and ICE, and local law enforcement are vital for the effective enforcement of laws, maintaining the rule of law for public safety, responding to emergencies, and the protection of Washington County, Maryland.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland, that:

1. The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland hereby expresses its full support for DHS and ICE, the Washington County Sheriff's Office and local municipal law enforcement agencies in their efforts to maintain public safety and uphold the rule of law;
2. The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County encourages ongoing cooperation and partnership between federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to ensure the welfare and security of all citizens and legal residents within our jurisdiction;
3. The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County hereby declares its intent to support DHS and ICE in the enforcement of our nation's borders, safeguarding the integrity of our immigration system, and ensuring that all persons are treated with dignity and compassion within our jurisdiction.
4. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption, and a copy shall be transmitted to the DHS, ICE, and local law enforcement agencies as a sign of our unwavering support and commitment to their mission.