

RESOLUTION



Concerning the conduct of the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland March 24, 2026

WHEREAS, the safety and security of our community is of utmost importance, and it is the duty of all citizens to ensure that all levels of government act in a moral, ethical and Constitutional manner 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, and;

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) display disregard for the professional standards of law enforcement and the tenets of the United States Constitution and are responsible for the deaths of at least thirty-two individuals in their custody last year and at least thirteen this year, shot and killed two United States citizens and wounded others, maintain detention facilities that spread disease and ignore the medical needs of those they imprison, often hold human beings in inhumane conditions, and play a crucial role in fulfilling this administration's authoritarian and anti-American agenda, and;

WHEREAS, partnership and cooperation between DHS, ICE, and our local elected leaders appears to be based on a desire to receive federal funds for local projects in exchange for local cooperation without concern for the many immoral, unethical, unlawful, unprofessional, and unconstitutional actions of DHS and ICE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by these citizens of Washington County, Maryland, that:

1. The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland, by expressing its full support for DHS and ICE in the Resolution dated February 10, 2026, is complicit in the excesses and brutality those agencies have demonstrated in Minneapolis, Chicago, and other cities those agencies have targeted, and all future excesses that may be perpetrated by those agencies in Washington County and across our nation;
2. The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, by silently standing by while a warehouse within their jurisdiction is converted into a twenty-first century concentration camp and ignoring the legitimate questions and concerns of their constituents, have demonstrated their lack of respect for the duties of their office and the citizens they represent, and place Washington County, Maryland on the wrong side of history;
3. We, the undersigned citizens of Washington County, hereby declare opposition to ICE concentration camps and the unlawful actions of DHS and ICE and further declare our intent to support the Constitution of the United States, to ensure that all persons are treated with dignity and compassion within our jurisdiction, and to hold the members of the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County responsible for their inaction, lack of transparency, and complicity.
4. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption, and a copy shall be transmitted to the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, as a sign of our unwavering disdain for their conduct.

Awarded this 24th day of March 2026