

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, met this day in regular session with the following members present:

Commissioners: \*(com)

\* presented the following resolution and moved its adoption.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE), A COMPONENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, BY LAKE COUNTY. OHIO**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all the deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement(ICE), a federal law enforcement agency under the jurisdiction of the Department of Homeland Security, has diligently served and safeguarded the nation by identifying and addressing vulnerabilities in border, economic, transportation, and infrastructure security; and

WHEREAS, ICE traces the roots of its history to the former U.S. Customs Service, which was founded in 1789, and the Inspections Program of the Immigration and Naturalization Service(INS), which served as the nation's primary immigration and border control agency from 1933 to 2003; and

WHEREAS, ICE was formed on March 1, 2003, assuming the investigative, removal, and intelligence functions of the INS to become the second largest federal criminal investigative agency in the United States ; and

WHEREAS, the mission of ICE is executed through the enforcement of more than 400 federal statutes, ICE comprises three operational directorates-Homeland Security Investigations(HSI), Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), and The Office of the Principal Legal Advisor(OPLA)-as well as several supported divisions; and

WHEREAS, ICE plays a critical role in the defense and stability of the nation by investigating cross-border criminal activity, including human trafficking, narcotics, weapons, and cash smuggling; violent transitional gang activity; immigration document and benefit fraud; export enforcement; and

WHEREAS, created during the information age, ICE also has a robust cybersecurity division that utilizes cutting edge technology to combat internet related crimes that can have far reaching consequences, such as the exploitation of adults and children, intellectual property theft, and international money laundering; and

WHEREAS, ICE strives to prevent international terrorist organizations from exploiting the nation's immigration, financial, and transportation systems and actively coordinates with other local, state, and federal agencies as the second largest contributor to the Joint Terrorism Task Force; and

WHEREAS, ICE Homeland Security Investigations made 4,818 gang-related arrests in fiscal year 2017; and

WHEREAS, ICE identified or rescued 904 sexually exploited children in fiscal year 2017; and

WHEREAS, ICE identified or rescued 518 victims of human trafficking in fiscal year 2017; and

WHEREAS, ICE seized more than 980,000 pounds of narcotics in fiscal year 2017, including thousands of pounds of deadly drugs fueling the opioid crisis: and

WHEREAS, ICE seized 2,370 pounds of fentanyl and 6,967 pounds of heroin in fiscal year 2017; and

WHEREAS, ICE logged nearly 90,000 investigative hours directed toward fentanyl in fiscal year 2017; and

WHEREAS, the officers and personnel of ICE have served and sacrificed to effectively address a range of issues that threaten national security and keep communities throughout Ohio and the United States safe; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the efforts of ICE are essential to protecting the community of Lake County, Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Lake County Commissioners expresses its continued support for all United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers and personnel who carry out the important mission of ICE, as well as express support for the efforts of all federal agencies, state law enforcement, and military personnel who bring law and order to our nation's borders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Lake County Administrator; the Honorable Ronald D. Vitiello, Director of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency as a show of our local support for their efforts to protect our community and in recognition of the heroic efforts by ICE officers and personnel in performing their duties.

\*\* seconded the resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: \*(com)

"NAYS":

Resolution adopted,  
Jennifer Bell, Clerk

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Jennifer Bell, duly appointed Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on August 2, 2018, and recorded in the Commissioners' Journal, Volume 2018.

WITNESS my hand this second day of August, 2018, in Painesville, Ohio.

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Jennifer Bell, Clerk  
Board of Commissioners, in and  
for Lake County, Ohio

**APPROVED**  
**LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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*Jan R. Hamer*

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*Joy E. Christ*

ATTEST

CLERK