

RESOLUTION NO. _____ SERIES OF 2024

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY AND EL PASO COUNTY TO END UNCONSTITUTIONAL INTERFERENCE BY THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE OF COLORADO WITH IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

WHEREAS, the nation is facing an immigration crisis with millions of immigrants illegally crossing our nation's southern border; and

WHEREAS, Denver counts the highest number of illegal aliens per capita of any large city in the nation, causing a housing crisis, skyrocketing rent, drastic reduction in city services to citizens, and threatening fiscal collapse; and

WHEREAS, Fremont County is not a sanctuary county and lacks the Human Services, Public Health, Law Enforcement, and housing resources and infrastructure to address the impacts of any measurable influx of migrants who entered our nation illegally; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Branch of the United States has a constitutional duty to enforce immigration laws to prevent illegal border crossings and to remove those who enter this country illegally, a duty it has demonstrated that it is unable or unwilling to fulfill on its own; and

WHEREAS, cooperation between federal, state, and local government agencies is necessary to address this unprecedented crisis; and

WHEREAS, in the face of this immigration crisis and looming fiscal collapse, the Colorado Legislature passed, and the Governor signed into law Colorado House Bills 19-1124 and 23-1100 which together prohibit local law enforcement from arresting and detaining illegal immigrants, prohibit state judicial officials from sharing information with federal immigration officials, and prohibit local governments from entering into agreements with the federal government for immigration enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Colorado House Bills 19-1124 and 23-1100 are an unconstitutional usurpation of local authority under the Colorado State Constitution and are preempted by federal immigration laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County and El Paso County and the elected Sheriffs of Douglas County and El Paso County have filed a lawsuit in Denver County District Court to declare Colorado House Bills 19-1124 and 23-1100 unconstitutional and prevent such unconstitutional laws from being enforced; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Fremont County shares the opinion and judgment of its counterparts in Douglas and El Paso County that Colorado House Bills 19-1124 and 23-1100 are misguided and unconstitutional;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Fremont County Board of County Commissioners that Fremont County supports Dougals County and El Paso County and their elected officials in their effort to end unconstitutional interference by the Governor and Legislature of Colorado with federal immigration enforcement and local cooperation and communication with federal immigration authorities.

Adopted this 23rd day of April, 2024.

Commissioner _____ moved adoption of the foregoing Resolution, seconded by
Commissioner _____ and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Debbie Bell	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kevin Grantham	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Dwayne McFall	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT

The Resolution was declared to be duly adopted.

Date: _____

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF FREMONT COUNTY

ATTEST:

By: _____

Chairman

By: _____

Clerk to the Board