

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATOR ST. JEAN TARD**

**RE: Condemning the Actions of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in
Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Calling for Accountability and Respect for Civil Rights**

WHEREAS, in December 2025, the United States Department of Homeland Security deployed a large-scale federal immigration enforcement operation, known as “Operation Metro Surge,” into Minneapolis and the surrounding Twin Cities region that included the mobilization of thousands of federal agents, including officers from Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, local and state officials, including the Attorney General of Minnesota and the cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul, have filed federal lawsuits asserting that the federal surge constitutes unconstitutional and unlawful conduct including the use of excessive force, warrantless stops and arrests, and enforcement actions in sensitive locations such as schools, places of worship, hospitals, and public spaces, undermining public safety and constitutional rights; and such actions have forced local law enforcement to divert resources to respond to the disruption and fear caused by these operations; and

WHEREAS, multiple incidents during these enforcement actions have resulted in the deaths of U.S. citizens, including Renee Nicole Good and Alex Pretti, outcomes that have sparked widespread community grief and outrage; and

WHEREAS, educators and school districts have filed lawsuits, contending that federal immigration enforcement in Minneapolis and St. Paul violates longstanding federal guidance protecting “sensitive locations,” causing fear and reduced attendance in affected schools; and

WHEREAS, local community members, including residents, advocates, and families, have organized protests, vigils, and calls for the immediate withdrawal of federal immigration enforcement officers and for accountability for actions taken during these operations; and

WHEREAS, actions by federal law enforcement that erode trust between immigrant communities and local public safety institutions, cause trauma to families, and disrupt everyday life run counter to the principles of justice, due process, public safety, and community well-being.

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT

RESOLVED, Erie County Legislature condemns the federal immigration enforcement actions carried out by ICE and DHS agents in Minneapolis and the broader Twin Cities region.

that have resulted in loss of life, alleged constitutional violations, and fear within communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, Erie County Legislature calls for accountability for the conduct of federal agents, including a transparent investigation into the deaths of civilians, a full review of enforcement practices and use of force, and clear protections for constitutional rights; and be it further

RESOLVED, Erie County Legislature is committed to the safety, dignity, and civil liberties of all residents, including immigrants and BIPOC communities, and *encourages federal policymakers* to pursue alternatives to militarized immigration enforcement that respect due process and community trust; and be it further

RESOLVED, a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Governor of Minnesota, Minnesota's Congressional delegation, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and other appropriate local, state, and federal officials.