

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-061**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK EXPRESSING THEIR STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE LAWSUIT FILED BY DOUGLAS COUNTY AGAINST THE STATE OF COLORADO SEEKING A DECLARATION THAT RECENT LAWS ENACTED BY THE COLORADO GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROHIBITING LOCAL GOVERNMENT COOPERATION WITH FEDERAL IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL**

**WHEREAS**, the United States is facing an immigration crisis of an unprecedented magnitude; and

**WHEREAS**, the 21<sup>st</sup> century has seen a huge increase in the number of people wanting to come to the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, in the last year, migrant encounters at the United States-Mexico border have hit record highs, reaching numbers well in excess of 250,000 encounters per month; and

**WHEREAS**, in the meantime, the inability of Customs and Border Patrol to meet hiring demands for border patrol agents and federal immigration courts to process an ever-growing backlog of cases has only served to exacerbate the crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, more now than ever is it the time for federal, state, and local governments to cooperate and share resources to address this crisis: and

**WHEREAS**, the Colorado General Assembly, however, has responded to this crisis by enacting House Bills 19-1124 and 23-1100; and

**WHEREAS**, the first, House Bill 19-1124, prohibits law enforcement officers from cooperating with federal immigration enforcement authorities on civil federal immigration detention requests; and

**WHEREAS**, the second, House Bill 23-1100, prohibits state and local governments from contracting with the federal government for purposes related to immigration detention facilities and state judicial officials from sharing information with federal immigration officials; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bills 19-1124 and 23-1100 prohibit the necessary cooperation and create dangerous conditions for both this State and the migrant population; and

**WHEREAS**, moreover, the laws enacted by House Bill 19-1124 and 23-1100 are unconstitutional, violating the Intergovernmental Relationships, Distribution of Powers, and Revival, Amendment or Extension of Laws provisions of the Colorado State Constitution, and are otherwise preempted by federal immigration laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners and the Douglas County Sheriff have joined other concerned county governments and sheriffs throughout Colorado to file a lawsuit against the State seeking a declaration that the laws enacted by House Bill 19-1124 and 23-1100 are unconstitutional; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council applauds the bold decision of Douglas County to take this important step in restoring the rights of Colorado local government officials to work with federal immigration officials to face this crisis together.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:**

The Town Council wishes to express their strong support for the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners and the Douglas County Sheriff and the lawsuit that they have filed against the State of Colorado to declare unconstitutional the laws enacted by House Bill 19-1124 and 23-1100 prohibiting local government officials from cooperating with federal immigration officials in efforts to address this unprecedented immigration crisis.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, by the Town Council of the Town of Castle Rock, Colorado, on first and final reading, by a vote of \_\_\_ for and \_\_\_ against.

**ATTEST:**

**TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK**

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Lisa Anderson, Town Clerk

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Jason Gray, Mayor

**Approved as to form:**

**Approved as to content:**

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Michael J. Hyman, Town Attorney

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David L. Corliss, Town Manager