

VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO  
RESOLUTION 2018-42

Affirming the Village of Yellow Springs as a Welcoming Community for All Persons Regardless of  
Country of Origin, Ethnicity, Age, Gender Identity, Sexual Orientation, Income, Ability, Political  
Affiliation or Religion

WHEREAS, The Village of Yellow Springs identifies itself as a welcoming community of opportunity for people of any race, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, culture, income, ability, political affiliation or religion; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Yellow Springs has long prohibited discrimination based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin or other protected characteristics in the provision of its services and intends to continue to make its services available to all its residents, regardless of their federal immigration status; and,

WHEREAS, The United States is a country founded by immigrants and enhanced by the contributions of immigrants; and,

WHEREAS, Every US citizen, with the exception of Native American citizens, is descended from immigrants; and,

WHEREAS, The current POTUS and his administration are instituting draconian tactics of rounding up and deporting undocumented immigrants and arbitrarily prohibiting others from entering the country; and,

WHEREAS, it is particularly essential to the mission of the Village's emergency services departments that victims report crimes or injuries, cooperate fully in investigations and summon help when needed; and,

WHEREAS, no other Village department inquires into the immigration status of individuals before making government services available to that individual; and,

WHEREAS, enforcement of federal immigration laws is the prerogative of federal enforcement agencies, not local law enforcement agencies; and,

WHEREAS, the threat of deportation or prosecution for no reason other than immigration status may discourage residents without legal immigration status or who have family members or friends without legal immigration status from reporting crimes or injuries, cooperating in investigations, seeking opportunities or their children living in this community, or summoning help when needed; and,

WHEREAS, federal law does not require local law enforcement or other local service providers to inquire into an individual's immigration status or respond to federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainer requests so the principles of Sanctuary Cities are not inconsistent with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, these practices are generally considered to be "Sanctuary City" policies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO THAT:

Section 1. Council for the Village of Yellow Springs supports and encourages local and regional efforts to welcome and offer sanctuary to immigrants and others who are being targeted on the basis of religion, nationality, culture, gender identity, race or citizenship status.

Section 2. Council for the Village of Yellow Springs is committed to the protection of law abiding Village residents and visitors from abuse, harassment, and harm regardless of their immigration or refugee status.

Section 3. Council for the Village of Yellow Springs directs that no Village department may use Village funds, equipment or personnel for the sole purpose of detecting or apprehending persons based suspected immigration status, unless in response to a court order. In furtherance of this policy, no Village office or employee shall request information about or otherwise investigate or assist in the investigation of a person's immigration status unless a criminal warrant exists, a criminal violation was reported, or an arrest was made.

Section 4. No Village department or employee shall deny equal access to Village services based on immigration status, unless required by law or court order. Such denial of access shall include, but not be limited to, soliciting immigration status in any application for Village services; predicated the provision of services on the immigration status of any person; or delaying the provision of services based solely on immigration status.

Section 5. It shall be the policy of the Village of Yellow Springs to vigorously oppose any effort to require the use of local taxpayer resources for the enforcement of federal immigration policy.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brian Housh, President of Council

Passed: 12-3-2018

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Judy Kintner, Clerk of Council

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