BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF YUBA

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF YUBA EXPRESSLY REJECTING "SANCTUARY JURISDICTION" POLICIES, AND AFFIRMING LAWFUL COOPERATION WITH FEDERAL AUTHORITIES

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors is responsible for supporting public safety in preserving the rule of law, and ensuring responsible use of taxpayer resources; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors affirms that immigration enforcement is primarily a federal responsibility and that interagency cooperation is essential to public safety and effective governance; and

WHEREAS, California Senate Bill 54 (the California Values Act) and similar policies are commonly characterized as "sanctuary" laws and have been used by some jurisdictions to justify limiting cooperation and communication with federal immigration authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors expressly rejects the use of "sanctuary" terminology or policy framing that discourages lawful cooperation, creates ambiguity for County employees, or erodes public trust; and

WHEREAS, Yuba County has not adopted policies that affirmatively protect individuals from lawful federal immigration enforcement ; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that clarity is necessary to ensure County departments understand the County's position and operational expectations; and

WHEREAS, federal and state law governs eligibility for public benefits, and County resources must be administered in compliance with those laws;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Yuba County Board of Supervisors as follows:

SECTION 1. EXPRESS NON-SANCTUARY DECLARATION

Yuba County is hereby declared not a sanctuary jurisdiction. The County disagrees with and expressly rejects sanctuary-style policies or interpretations of such policies, including those discouraging cooperation with the federal government, and the County will cooperate with lawful federal immigration enforcement.

SECTION 2. LAWFUL COOPERATION

It is the policy of Yuba County to cooperate and communicate with federal agencies to the extent required by law, including but not limited to agencies responsible for immigration enforcement, criminal investigations, and public safety. The elected Sheriff retains discretion in determining the manner and extent of cooperation by the Sheriff's Office with such agencies, as appropriate to fulfill the Office's public safety responsibilities and constitutional duties.

SECTION 3. DIRECTION AGAINST NON-COOPERATION POLICIES

Without attempting to limit any future vote of the Board of Supervisors or the discretion of the Sheriff expressed above, the Board of Supervisors does not approve of any policies that:

- Intentionally limit lawful communication with federal authorities;
- Provide advance notice of enforcement actions unless required by law; or
- Use "sanctuary" terminology to justify withholding information or assistance.

SECTION 4. PUBLIC BENEFITS COMPLIANCE

Yuba County shall administer taxpayer-funded benefits and services only to individuals eligible under federal immigration law, except where federal or state law expressly mandates otherwise.

SECTION 5. LEGAL COMPLIANCE AND LIMITATION

Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to:

- Require actions prohibited by state or federal law;
- Override mandatory provisions of state statute or binding court orders; or
- Violate constitutional rights; or

- Limit a future vote of the Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 6. POLICY STATEMENT

This Resolution constitutes a firm statement of County policy and intent and does not create new criminal penalties or civil causes of action.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Resolution is held invalid, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors hereby

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yuba, State of California on the _____ day of _____, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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CHAIR, SETH FUHRER

ATTEST: MARY PASILLAS
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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JANET E. BENDER
YUBA COUNTY COUNSEL
APPROVED AS TO FORM: