

Resolution Recognizing National Immigrant Heritage Month and Calling for the Protection of Civil Rights of Our Immigrant Community

WHEREAS, we recognize June as National Immigrant Heritage month to celebrate and honor the vast and significant contributions of immigrants to Santa Clara County and to the United States; in promoting and enhancing shared prosperity, success, growth, strength, health and safety, innovation, diversity, equity, inclusion and the cultural and economic landscape; and to acknowledge their foundational role in our success and achievements; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, 765,800 immigrants resided in Santa Clara County, making up 40.6% of the total population while contributing \$255 billion, or 54.7%, of the GDP; comprising 49.9% of its employed workforce; 55.9% of households in the County have at least one immigrant person living in the household; 61.3% of the County's students have at least one immigrant parent, enhancing the cultural and economic fabric of our County; and

WHEREAS, we are currently witnessing unconscionable and escalating acts of cruelty—including deportations carried out without judicial due process—that tear families apart, traumatize communities, and fundamentally violate civil and human rights; these actions are being justified under the guise of policy, but in reality they are an affront to the principles of justice, due process, and human dignity that are supposed to define this nation; the resulting toxic stress, fear, and trauma inflicted upon immigrant women, children, and families pose long-term risks to individual and collective health, safety, and the moral integrity of our County and country;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we unequivocally condemn the inhumane treatment of immigrants and asylum seekers, especially the increasing reliance on fast-tracked deportations without legal representation or proper hearings.

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