

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

On the motion of Supervisor:
Duly seconded by Supervisor:

The following resolution is adopted:

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE IN CIVILIAN
COMMUNITIES AND AFFIRMING THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF ALL
RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States guarantees fundamental rights to all people, including freedom of speech and assembly, due process, equal protection, and freedom from unwarranted searches and seizures, as enshrined in the First, Fourth, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendments; and

WHEREAS, the California Constitution affirms that all persons are by nature free and independent and have inalienable rights, including the rights of privacy, liberty, safety, and happiness (Article I, Section 1); and

WHEREAS, the use or threat of military force in civilian communities, particularly immigrant and marginalized communities, undermines those constitutional guarantees and creates conditions of fear, instability, and trauma that threaten the public peace and safety; and

WHEREAS, the deployment of military resources or personnel in local neighborhoods for policing or intimidation constitutes an excessive show of force that may provoke unrest, escalate tensions, and jeopardize the mental and physical well-being of residents; and

WHEREAS, such actions disproportionately impact vulnerable populations, including immigrants and refugees, who may already experience heightened fear of government authorities and are at risk of harassment, discrimination, or violence; and

WHEREAS, the normalization of militarized law enforcement responses and the targeting of immigrant communities erodes trust between residents and local government, and threatens the constitutional fabric of our democracy; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors finds that adoption of this resolution supports preservation and protection of the public

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peace, health, safety and constitutional rights of all residents in the face of escalating federal threats of militarized enforcement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors that:

1. The Board condemns the use of military force in civilian communities within and beyond Santa Cruz County.
2. The Board affirms its unwavering support for the constitutional and human rights of all individuals residing in Santa Cruz County, regardless of immigration status or background.
3. The Board urges State and federal officials to immediately cease all actions that militarize law enforcement or target immigrant communities, and instead prioritize policies rooted in community safety, human dignity, and equality.
4. The Clerk of the Board is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to Governor Gavin Newsom, the County's State and federal legislative representatives, and to neighboring counties and municipalities, urging them to adopt similar measures.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this ____ day of _____, 20____, by the following vote:

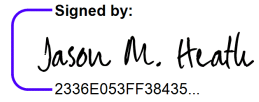
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Felipe Hernandez
Chair of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Juliette Rezzato
Clerk of the Board

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Approved as to Form:

Signed by:

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