Minutes of a regular meeting of the Wexford County Board of Commissioners, held at the Wexford County Courthouse, 437 E. Division St., Cadillac, Michigan on the second day of October 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT:	Mitchell, Musta, Townsend, Adams, Bush, Theobald, Baughan, Potter & Taylor.
ABSENT: _	None.
	ng preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner _{Theobald}

RESOLUTION NO. 24 - 20 DECLARING WEXFORD COUNTY IS NOT A SANCTUARY COUNTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

WHEREAS, the Center for Immigration Studies has, without basis in law or fact, labeled Wexford County, and certain other Michigan Counties and municipalities, on a list of so-called "sanctuary" jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, based on this designation, unfounded and untrue reports have circulated that Wexford County is a sanctuary county for Illegal Immigration; and

WHEREAS, such false and misleading Center for Immigration Studies designation has been challenged by another Michigan County resulting in retraction and correction by the Center for Immigration Studies. See, https://www.woodtv.com/news/kent-county/think-tank-says-it-will-take-kent-county-off-sanctuary-list/; and

WHEREAS, federal law (8 USC 1373) prohibits policies that impede cooperation between federal, state, and local officials when it comes to the sending, requesting, maintaining, or exchanging of information regarding immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the Wexford County Prosecutor and the Wexford County Sheriff have reiterated that their offices' policies have been, and will continue to be, to cooperate with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials and all other law enforcement agencies in connection with the enforcement of federal law, including the detention or transfer of possible illegal migrants in Wexford County consistent with requirements of the law including matters regarding County civil risk management and due process requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Wexford County Board of Commissioners categorically denies that Wexford County is a sanctuary county. To that end, the Wexford County Board of Commissioner hereby affirms that the Board of Commissioners has NOT established a resolution declaring Wexford County a "sanctuary" jurisdiction, nor has the Board of Commissioners enacted policies or procedures which would obstruct immigration enforcement by ICE or other law enforcement agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Wexford County Board of Commissioners that the Wexford County Board of Commissioners is committed to upholding the United States Constitution, the laws of the State of Michigan, and the laws of the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wexford County Board of Commissioners resolves and reiterates that Wexford County is NOT now, nor has it ever been, designated by the Wexford County Board of Commissioners as a sanctuary county. To the contrary, it is the policy of the Wexford County Board of Commissioners that Wexford County will continue, consistent with the requirements of law, prudent civil liability risk management practices, and due process requirements, to cooperate with ICE officials and all other law enforcement agencies in addressing compliance with federal law, including illegal immigration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wexford County Board of Commissioners directs the County Administrator, and requests the County Prosecutor and County Sheriff, to contact the Center for Immigration Studies to retract the false and malicious designation, and to otherwise undertake to address and correct the incorrect classification. The status should be reported to the Wexford County Board of Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Center for Immigration Studies, the Offices of U.S. Representative John Moolenaar, U.S. Senator Gary Peters, Michigan State Senator Michele Hoitenga 36th District, and Michigan State Representatives Joseph Fox 101st District and John Roth 104th District.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES:	Adams, Bush, Theobald	, Baughan, Pot	ter, Mitchell, Musta,	Townsend, &	Taylor.	
NAYS:	None.					
RESOL	LUTION DECLARED	ADOPTED.				
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COUN	TY OF WEXFORD) ss)				

I hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and complete copy of the Resolution 24 - 20 adopted by
the County Board of Commissioners of Wexford County at a regular meeting held on October 2,
2024, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

Alaina Nyman, County Clerk