

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BOSLEY.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

2 **WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the United States guarantees due process, equal
3 protection under the law, and fundamental civil liberties to all persons within the United
4 States, regardless of citizenship or immigration status; and

5 **WHEREAS**, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is entrusted with
6 enforcing immigration law in a manner consistent with the Constitution, federal statutes, and
7 basic human rights; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, numerous credible reports, court filings, and testimony from affected
10 individuals, journalists, attorneys, and human rights organizations have documented patterns
11 of unlawful detention, racial profiling, harassment, denial of due process, and excessive use
12 of force by ICE agents; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, U.S. citizens and lawful residents have been wrongfully detained,
15 questioned, harmed, or killed during ICE enforcement actions, undermining public trust and
16 violating constitutional protections; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, migrants, including undocumented immigrants, asylum seekers, and
19 mixed-status families, have suffered serious physical harm, psychological trauma, family
20 separation, and, in some cases, death while in ICE custody or during enforcement operations,
21 raising grave concerns about accountability and oversight; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, fear of immigration enforcement has had a chilling effect on community
24 safety, discouraging individuals from reporting crimes, seeking medical care, attending
25 school, or participating in civic life; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, migrants are integral members of communities across the United States,
28 contributing as workers, caregivers, students, entrepreneurs, artists, and faith leaders; and
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30 **WHEREAS**, immigrant labor sustains critical sectors of the United States economy,
31 including agriculture, construction, health care, food service, logistics, and technology, and
32 migrants collectively contribute billions of dollars annually in taxes, consumer spending, and
33 economic growth; and
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35 **WHEREAS**, a humane and just immigration system must center dignity,
36 accountability, public safety, and respect for human rights rather than fear, punishment,
37 and collective harm:
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39 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
40 Representatives of the One Hundred Third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the
41 Senate concurring therein, hereby condemn abuses by U.S. Immigration and Customs
42 Enforcement, affirm the constitutional and human rights of all people within the United
43 States, and recognize the essential social and economic contributions of migrants to the
44 nation; and
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46 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
47 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
48 members of the Missouri Congressional delegation and Todd Lyons, the senior ICE official.

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