

A RESOLUTION OF DECLARING JACKSON COUNTY AS A NON-SANCTUARY COUNTY, SETTING PRIORITIES AND EXPECTATIONS IN RESPONSE TO IMMIGRATION INFLUX

WHEREAS, the City of Denver, with a population of 713,000, has declared itself a sanctuary city and has served more than 37,000 migrants at a cost of 38 million dollars and growing; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Denver faces an accelerated budget shortfall and agency budget cuts to fund migrant services; and,

WHEREAS, urban areas within the state, including the capital, Denver, are having their resources, infrastructure, public places and other areas completely overwhelmed by the tremendous influx of uninvited migrants and/or illegal immigrants, causing many to declare states of emergency; and,

WHEREAS, this urban saturation and over consumption of resources to support uninvited migrants and/or illegal immigrants has led to the dispersion into rural areas of the state, creating the possibility of such groups migrating to Jackson County; and,

WHEREAS, Jackson County supports legal immigration into the United State; and,

WHEREAS, Jackson County recognizes the plight of those seeking refuge and asylum from oppressive governments in other parts of the world; and,

WHEREAS, Jackson County, only a few short hours from the Denver Metro area, offers abundant sunshine and wide-open spaces, but lacks the Human Services, Public Health, Law Enforcement, and housing resources and infrastructure to address the impacts of any measurable influx of migrants who entered our nation illegally; and,

WHEREAS, Jackson County will continue to make decisions guided by fiscal responsibility, adherence to existing legal frameworks, and an unwavering commitment to the residents of Jackson County; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Jackson County, Colorado declare and affirm that Jackson County is **NOT** a sanctuary county or community and will not open shelters or provide services to illegal, undocumented or uninvited migrants that may arrive in the county.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jackson County Board of Commissioners will continue to place the needs of its citizens first and foremost, and in all instances above those of any undocumented, illegal or uninvited migrants. For the welfare of Jackson County citizens and those across Colorado, the Jackson County Board of County Commissioners calls upon the President of the United State and the United States Congress to immediately restore the rule of law along the Southwest United States border and quickly create a system to allow reasonable vetting of migrants who wish to enter the United States legally and become productive members of our society.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Jackson County Board of County Commissioners also opposes the action of individuals, corporate entities, NGOs, religious organizations or denominations, Federal agencies, departments and Presidential Executive Orders that facilitate the entry, transportation, placement, settlement or employment of illegal immigrants to, or within the lawful boundaries of Jackson County, State of Colorado.

The above and foregoing Resolution was, on a motion duly made and seconded, adopted by the following vote on the 26th day of March, 2024.



*Coby L. Corkle* (AYE)(NAY)  
Coby L. Corkle, Chair  
Jackson County Commissioner-District 1

*Jeff Benson* (AYE)(NAY)  
Jeff Benson  
Jackson County Commissioner-District 3

*Daniel E. Manville* (AYE)(NAY)  
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Jackson County Commissioner-District 2

ATTEST:

*Hayle M. Johnson*  
Hayle M. Johnson, Jackson County Clerk  
and ex-officio Clerk to the Board of County  
Commissioners of Jackson County, Colorado