

RESOLUTION NO. 55

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK REGARDING OPERATIONS OF U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT AND U.S. BORDER PATROL

Introduced: 2/9/26

By Kuhn, Cunningham, Reidy, Lekakis, Pedo, Miller, Lane, Mayo, Willingham, Reinhardt, Rosano, Gillespie, R. Joyce, McLaughlin, A. Joyce and Laurilliard:

WHEREAS, The members of the Albany County Legislature each take an oath to support and defend the Constitutions of the United States and the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Legislature's duties include protecting public safety and safeguarding the constitutional and human rights of all residents of Albany County, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Legislature supports proper, professional, and competent enforcement of all laws, including federal immigration laws, and

WHEREAS, The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and U.S. Border Patrol (Border Patrol), exercise significant enforcement powers that directly affect civil liberties and public trust, and

WHEREAS, ICE and Border Patrol under the Trump Administration have employed unacceptable tactics, shown a lack of transparency, and engaged in highly objectionable treatment of U.S. Citizens, documented immigrants, and undocumented immigrants – including unjustified violence and use of force, and numerous other clear violations of constitutional and human rights, and

WHEREAS, Starting in December 2025, ICE, DHS, CBP, and Border Patrol have conducted “Operation Metro Surge,” in which thousands of officers of those agencies have occupied Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, The approximately 3,000 ICE and/or Border Patrol agents in Minneapolis, Minnesota currently outnumber by five times the approximately 600 officers of the Minneapolis Police Department, and

WHEREAS, Many of the ICE and Border Patrol agents involved in “Operation Metro Surge” have displayed poor training, incompetence, lack of composure and

professionalism, pervasive disrespect and incivility to members of the community, and unjustified uses of violence, including deadly force, and

WHEREAS, Leaders of DHS, ICE, CBP, Border Patrol, and the Trump Administration generally have made false statements about uses of force by ICE and Border Patrol during “Operation Metro Surge” and otherwise frustrated efforts by state and local officials to properly investigate such uses of force – including but not limited to the killings of Renée Good and Alex Pretti – which creates a lack of accountability, reinforces use of excessive force, and risks exacerbating the misconduct by ICE and Border Patrol agents, and

WHEREAS, The continued presence of ICE and Border Patrol agents in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Minnesota generally as part of “Operation Metro Surge” is undermining public safety and serves no legitimate governmental or law enforcement purpose, and

WHEREAS, The members of the Albany County Legislature stand in solidarity with the people of Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Minnesota generally, and recognize the critical role of state and local governments in protecting public safety, and

WHEREAS, The officers of the Albany County Sheriff and the other municipal law enforcement agencies in Albany County serve our communities and protect public safety while always endeavoring to act with professionalism, respect, ethics, courtesy, and civility, and

WHEREAS, Any operations of ICE, DHS, CBP, and Border Patrol in Albany County using tactics or behavior similar to those employed in “Operation Metro Surge” would be antithetical to public safety, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That all agencies of Albany County, including but not limited to the Albany County Sheriff, will continue to comply with federal immigration laws but will neither cooperate with nor facilitate any operations of ICE or Border Patrol in Albany County, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution will stay in force and effect until December 31, 2026, unless expressly withdrawn at an earlier date or extended to a later date by the Albany County Legislature, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Albany County Legislature will not withdraw this resolution until such time as (1) DHS and CPB end “Operation Metro Surge” and withdraw ICE and Border Patrol from Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Minnesota generally, and (2) the completion of a comprehensive and transparent investigation into the killings of Renée Good and Alex Pretti that involves local, state, and federal officials, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Albany County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate Albany County officials.