



VILLAGE OF CORRALES, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 17- 009

A RESOLUTION

DECLARING THE VILLAGE OF CORRALES AN IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY AND CALLING FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF POLICIES THAT WILL REINFORCE THIS STATUS.

WHEREAS, the Village of Corrales, New Mexico (“Corrales” or the “Village”) is a historic community of Native American origin and subsequently settled by the Spanish, Mexicans, and many other immigrant groups; and

WHEREAS, over the past 300 years, Corrales has been a home to many immigrants who come here seeking a better life for themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council, the governing body of the Village, has long recognized the contributions made to the Village’s economy and its culture by the community of immigrants; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council firmly believes that the involvement of local government in enforcement of federal civil immigration laws and mandates undermines a productive and trusting relationship with the immigrant community; and

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States provides that the powers that are not delegated expressly or by implication to the United States, or prohibited to the States, are reserved to the States, respectively, or to the people, and has been interpreted by the U.S. Supreme Court to preclude the Federal government from compelling or commandeering any State or local government, either directly or by the use of coercive threats to withhold federal funding, to adopt federal programs or enforce federal laws, including immigration laws.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Council on behalf of the Village of Corrales proudly **declares itself an immigrant and refugee friendly community.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village’s status as an immigrant and refugee friendly community shall be amplified and strengthened by adoption and implementation of the following policies:

1. No employee of the Village of Corrales shall make or initiate any inquiry regarding the immigration status of any person, and any information about the immigration status of any person that nevertheless comes into the possession of a Village employee shall be treated as confidential and shall not be disclosed to any agency outside Village government.

2. The Mayor, Village Administrator and Police Chief shall see to the development and implementation by the Village of Corrales Police Department of policies and procedures to facilitate applications for U-Visa status by immigrants who have been the victims of crimes, and shall ensure that the policies and procedures so developed and implemented include a requirement that all such applications be reviewed on their merits and a rebuttable presumption, to be employed in reviewing each such application, that the applicant has been helpful, is being helpful or is likely to be helpful in the detection or investigation of the qualifying criminal activity.

3. To the extent practicable and legally permissible, Village elected and appointed officials and employees shall endeavor to prevent the use of Village resources for the enforcement of federal immigration laws, and require a warrant from all federal immigration agents who request access to non-public areas of Village property.

1 4. All Village departments and employees shall accept driving authorization cards
2 and non-Real-ID compliant identification cards issued by the New Mexico Motor Vehicle
3 Division (MVD) for all of the purposes for which they would accept Real-ID-compliant
4 drivers' licenses and identification cards issued by the MVD.

5 5. Village departments shall not use the voluntary federal e-verify system to
6 investigate or determine the work eligibility of applicants for Village employment.

7 6. The Village Administrator, within 60 days of the passage of this resolution, shall
8 prepare and present to the Village Council a plan, including an assessment of how best to
9 work through legal advocacy groups and community partners to provide community
10 outreach and education regarding the Village's immigrant and refugee friendly policy and
11 the civil rights of immigrant and non-immigrant residents, including information for
12 private employers and businesses about rights and responsibilities during immigration
13 enforcement operations.

14 7. The Mayor and Village Administrator shall communicate these policies to all
15 Village employees within 10 days of the passage of this resolution.

16 **PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 14th day of March, 2017.

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21 HONORABLE SCOTT KOMINIAK,
22 MAYOR

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