

**RESOLUTION NO. 10
SERIES OF 2017**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF
CARBONDALE CLARIFYING IMMIGRATION STATUS RELATED POLICIES**

WHEREAS, the Town of Carbondale recognizes the importance of all the persons in the community, regardless of immigration status;

WHEREAS, the Town of Carbondale seeks to clarify the Town policy with respect to the immigrant community in the Town;

WHEREAS, the Town of Carbondale continues to strive to find the best way to support all members of the Town's community while recognizing the rule of law;

WHEREAS, the immigrant community in the Town of Carbondale contributes to the social, educational, and economic life of the Town;

WHEREAS, Town of Carbondale supports a clear path for immigrants to legally live, work and become citizens of the United States. The public safety and wellbeing of all residents of the Town is not served when immigrants are afraid to report crimes, bear witness, and seek essential services for fear of deportation;

WHEREAS, the Town of Carbondale is committed to fostering and ensuring equality and freedom from persecution regardless of immigration status.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF CARBONDALE BOARD OF THE TRUSTEES:

- (1) Town policy with respect to the immigrant community:
 - (a) No Town employee shall inquire into a person's immigration status unless such inquiry directly relates to a service request or the information is required to provide a Town service.
 - (b) No Town employee shall take action solely based on a person's immigration status.
 - (c) Participation and/or partnership in agreements of any type with or that serve the function of federal immigration officials, whether formal or informal, shall require Board of Trustee approval unless such participation is part of an on-going criminal investigation.

- (2) Establishment of Outreach Program. The Town desires to provide more opportunity for the members of the immigrant community and the officers of the Town to interact and foster a culture of communication. To that end the Town will establish an outreach

program where members of the community can meet with the officers of the Town to discuss the current policy of the police with respect of immigration status, to explain the role of the Town police in the enforcement of immigration law and explain how, to keep our community safe, no resident of the Town should fear deportation for reporting a crime.

- (3) Public Relations Officer. The Town desires that the Chief of Police designate one officer or employee as a "Public Relations Officer." Such officer will be charged with participating in the Outreach Program established in part (2) of this resolution and being the point person with respect to interacting with and explaining Town policy to, the immigrant community of the Town.
 - (a) The Town shall provide such training and support as the Chief of Police deems necessary to fulfill the goal of this policy.
- (4) The Town supports the State of Colorado providing locations and staff to implement SB 13-251 as having properly licensed drivers on our roads is a statewide public safety issue.
- (5) The Town deems this resolution necessary to protect and maintain the safety of all residents of Carbondale.
- (6) Nothing in this resolution shall be construed to prohibit or restrict any Town departments or personnel from doing any of the following with respect to information regarding the immigration status of any individual: (1) sending such information to, or requesting or receiving such information from, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and its subsidiary agencies, including U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ICE); (2) maintaining such information; or (3) exchanging such information with any other federal, state, or local government entity.

INTRODUCED, READ AND PASSED this ____ day of August, 2017

Town of Carbondale, Colorado

By: _____
Dan Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cathy Derby, Town Clerk