

WELCOMING TOWN DESIGNATION

1. *Whereas*, historically Randolph has welcomed immigrants from many regions around the world, including the Caribbean, Middle East, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Latin America; and
2. *Whereas*, immigrants have enriched the cultural fabric of this community, adding new life and great potential to Randolph; and
3. *Whereas*, assumptions made about a person's legal status in the United States that are based upon the person's religion, ethnicity, or national origin, and discrimination, harassment, or bullying of people based on those assumptions, have no place in our community; and
4. *Whereas*, a nationwide trend of discriminating against immigrants because of religion or country of origin runs counter to our values; and
5. *Whereas*, with more knowledge among the immigrant community of current police department practices, public trust is enhanced, immigrants are more likely to cooperate with local law enforcement, thus making the work of local law enforcement easier to address serious crimes; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

that the Randolph Town Council hereby affirms its support for these long-held Randolph Police Department practices:

- (a) will not detain persons solely to investigate their immigration status;
- (b) will not inquire into the immigration status of persons seeking help from the police unless the information is relevant to prosecuting the reported crime or for the person's protection;
- (c) will not keep an index or list of persons suspected of being in an undocumented status or deportable status;
- (d) will not seek to have any officer receive a delegation of the powers of an immigration officer;
- (e) will cooperate with federal, state, and local criminal and civil investigative agencies in the accomplishment of their lawful objectives by providing such information as the Police Department maintains, only as required by state and federal law; and
- (f) will continue to investigate reports of hate crimes, criminal discrimination, and criminal harassment of persons based upon their religion, ethnicity, or national origin without regard to the person's known or suspected unlawful status within the United States.

This resolution has been presented to members of the Randolph Town Council, who prefer to see resident support before voting on it. It has also been presented to the Randolph Police, who state that it accurately reflects current police practice. It is supported by the Randolph Democratic Town Committee, the Randolph chapter of Our Revolution Massachusetts (ORMA), and Randolph United. The associated petition demonstrates resident support; under Town Charter section 7-7, when 250 registered voter signatures are certified, the Town Council is required to vote on this petition, within one month. If the vote is in the negative, the people may act to place this question on the November ballot. Contact: Jesse Gordon (617) 320-6989, jesse@jessegordon.com, c/o Randolph United, P.O. Box 448, Randolph MA, 02368.