CITY OF OROVILLE RESOLUTION NO. 9357

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THE CITY OF OROVILLE A NON-SANCTUARY CITY FOR ALL CRIMINALS AND AFFIRMING COOPERATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, the City of Oroville is dedicated to upholding the United States Constitution and ensuring the safety and well-being of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that safeguarding public safety is paramount and that cooperation with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies is essential to apprehend individuals who pose a threat to the community, regardless of their immigration status; and

WHEREAS, recent enforcement actions have highlighted the presence of individuals with dangerous criminal records among population, underscoring the need for diligent law enforcement collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the City opposes any policies or practices that harbor or protect individuals from prosecution by state or federal law enforcement agencies, as such actions may place our citizens at unnecessary risk; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Oroville believes that cooperation with federal authorities is essential to reduce crime and safeguard its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oroville, as a Charter City, has the authority to adopt policies that prioritize the safety and security of its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Oroville as follows:

- 1. **Non-Sanctuary City Declaration**: The City of Oroville hereby declares itself a non-sanctuary city for all criminals.
- 2. Commitment to Constitutional Principles: The City reaffirms its dedication to upholding the United States Constitution and protecting the rights and freedoms of its citizens.
- 3. Cooperation with Law Enforcement: The City affirms its commitment to work in full cooperation with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, for the apprehension and prosecution of criminals..
- 4. Commitment to Public Safety: The City reaffirms its dedication to protecting the life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness of its residents by ensuring that individuals who pose a threat to public safety are apprehended and prosecuted in accordance with the law.
- 5. **Opposition to Harboring Policies**: The City opposes any policies or practices that harbor or protect individuals from prosecution by state or federal law enforcement agencies, recognizing that such actions may endanger our citizens.

- 6. **Protection of Citizens' Rights**: The City acknowledges that while it upholds individual freedoms, it also has a responsibility to protect its citizens from criminal threats by ensuring that those who violate the law are held accountable.
- 7. **Nothing in this Resolution** shall be interpreted to prohibit the sharing of information regarding an individual's immigration status with federal authorities as permitted by 8 U.S.C. § 1373. However, the City shall comply with California SB 54, which limits the use of local resources for immigration enforcement beyond what is required by federal or State law.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Oroville City Council at a regular meeting on March 4, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:

Council Member(s) Reynolds, Thomson, Johnstone, Goodson,

Webber, Vice Mayor Smith, Mayor Pittman

NOES:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

ABSENT:

None

ATTEST:

Kayla Reaster, Assistant City Clerk

David Pittman, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David Ritchie, Assistant City Attorney