



June 24, 2018

The Honorable Jim Boulay, Mayor
& Concord City Council
Green Street
Concord, NH 03301

To Mayor Boulay & Concord City Council;

Please accept the attached Resolution for discussion at the July 9 Council Meeting about the treatment of immigrants and their families at our country's borders and the actions of the U. S. Customs and Border Patrol within New Hampshire.

The Kent Street Coalition has prepared this Resolution to reflect the values we feel the people of our community share in the treatment of fellow human beings and ask you to show support on behalf of our Welcoming City.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Corell for the Kent Street Coalition

WHEREAS: Our City of Concord was founded by immigrants and has continued to prosper from a steadfast commitment to immigrants, diversity, and inclusion.

WHEREAS: Our country is built on the principle: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free."

WHEREAS: We as a state and as a people are strengthened through diversity and inclusion, and weakened by isolation and attempts at "othering."

WHEREAS: On July 11, 2016, the Concord City Council adopted a resolution affirming Concord as a "Welcoming City" to help unite our community and ensure that all are welcome in Concord.

WHEREAS: Families are the backbone of society, and any attempt to separate families, particularly young children from their parents, does immeasurable and irreparable harm to individuals, communities, and our country.

WHEREAS: Our constitution and our American spirit do not just allow, but demand that we confront and oppose any attempt to impose a police state upon us.

WHEREAS: U.S. Customs and Border Patrol's insistent use of immigration checkpoints flies in the face of New Hampshire's values and "live free or die" spirit.

WHEREAS: Our City of Concord finds unethical and an affront to the U.S. and NH constitutions the aggressive tactics of Customs and Border Patrols (CBP), and its attempts to coerce answers from people just trying to go about their daily lives.

WHEREAS: Our City of Concord finds unfortunate and unhelpful any business collaboration with CBP and/or ICE.

WHEREAS: Our City of Concord finds it a moral imperative to come together in unity with our immigrant friends and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONCORD:

That the City of Concord stands with pride, honor, and commitment, by immigrants and their families, and in opposition to those intent on dividing us.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City of Concord calls on Governor Chris Sununu and the New Hampshire Congressional delegation to demand the cessation of CBP's coercive checkpoints in NH and the repeal of policies that either separate families or put them in jails.