

## **RESOLUTION NO. 6 (2024)**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRAIG DECLARING THE CITY OF CRAIG AS A NON-SANCTUARY CITY**

WHEREAS, the City of Craig (“City”) is a home rule municipality duly organized and existing under Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and the City’s Home Rule Charter approved by the electors; and

WHEREAS, a “Sanctuary City” is a jurisdiction that limits cooperation with federal immigration authorities, limits or fails to provide information about immigration status and limits the length of immigration detainers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Denver, with a population of 713,000 persons, has declared itself a sanctuary city and, as a result, has welcomed more than 40,000 migrants into their community, which has resulted in a cost of at least \$38 million to date; and

WHEREAS, Denver Health, as seen at least 10,000 migrant patients and caused considerable strain on the medical resources available to the citizens of the City of Denver and has resulted in a cost to the citizens of Denver upwards of \$10 million; and

WHEREAS, the Denver public schools are required to enroll the children of immigrants into their public school system, which has caused a considerable strain on their resources and has resulted in a shortfall of at least \$17.5 million to the District; and

WHEREAS, the City of Denver has requested Departments to cut their individual budgets by 15% as a result of the additional cost of serving the migrant community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Denver has indicated an intent to close their shelters in March and April of 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City of Denver has begun to bus migrants to outside communities in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the City believes in and is committed to securing the border, enforcing immigration laws to protect the community, and upholding the laws of the State of Colorado and the principles of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the City has concern for our citizens over the risk that people who enter the country illegally with regard to public health and the risk of safety due to the risk of increase in crime, communicable disease, and accelerating demand for resources that should be devoted to our local community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Craig recognizes the plight of individuals who are forced to seek asylum from oppressive governments and support individuals who seek asylum legally; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City have expressed concern over the transport of migrants entering the country illegally into the City’s jurisdictional limits, which may compromise the safety, well-being, and resources of the City residents; and

WHEREAS, if migrants are transported by the City of Denver to the City of Craig it poses a risk to the citizens of the City and service providers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CRAIG, COLORADO:**

1. The City Council hereby finds that recitals set forth above are incorporated and resolved as if set forth in this section in full.
2. The City Council hereby makes the following statements regarding migrant response:
  - a. The transportation of migrants who enter the country illegally into the City pose a risk of compromised safety to the citizens of the City and will drain the resources of the City; and
  - b. The City calls upon the President of the United States and the Governor of the State of Colorado to take immediate action to secure the border and to enforce immigration laws to protect the safety of the citizens of Country, the State of Colorado, and the City of Craig; and
  - c. The City recognizes the United States has been a beacon of hope for immigrants who seek asylum and support persons who require this assistance to do so legally;
  - d. The City declares itself a “non-sanctuary” City;
  - e. The City will not provide services, other than emergency services, to illegal migrants that are within the City of Craig;
  - f. The City of Craig will continue to prioritize and meet the needs of our local citizens.
3. This Resolution shall become effective and be in full force and effect immediately upon approval.

READ AND APPROVED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024 BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CRAIG, COLORADO.

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Chris Nichols, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Liz White, City Clerk