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Borough Attorney /s/ Robert L. Tarver, Jr.

**BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE  
COUNTY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-3-53**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE IMMIGRANT TRUST ACT TO PROTECT IMMIGRANT  
COMMUNITIES IN NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey is one of the most diverse states within a nation of immigrants; and

**WHEREAS**, Nearly one in four New Jerseyans is an immigrant; and

**WHEREAS**, Over 10% of New Jersey's U.S. citizen children live with at least one undocumented family member; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 2018, Attorney General Gurbir Grewal issued the "Immigrant Trust Directive," a landmark statewide policy designed to strengthen trust between New Jersey's law enforcement officers and the state's diverse immigrant communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Since 2019, the Immigrant Trust Directive (ITD) has enabled our immigrant communities of diverse status to live without fear of interactions with law enforcement, to come forth if they are the victim of a crime, and not be subject to separation from their families; and

**WHEREAS**, Public officials agree that this has kept our communities safer and reflected the value of our immigrant communities, be they documented, undocumented, TPS holders, Dreamers, or otherwise; and

**WHEREAS**, The 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution clearly states that the federal government cannot compel state and local governments to enact or administer a function of the federal government, which includes immigration enforcement; and further, that state and local governments are free to refuse requests to do so, and to prohibit employees from assisting in federal enforcement actions; and

**WHEREAS**, The incoming federal administration has made clear its plans to conduct mass immigration raids in our communities, which would separate families and cause economic devastation; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey's municipalities and state government reserve the right to protect our residents and maintain the stability of our communities, economy, and society in the way we best see fit; and

**WHEREAS**, Assemblywoman Park and Senator Johnson have introduced into the State Legislature the Immigrant Trust Act (S3672/A4987); and

**WHEREAS**, The Immigrant Trust Act (ITA) would codify the ITD into law; and

**WHEREAS,** The ITA would expand the protections in the ITD so that no one need fear that a visit to the DMV, enrolling their children in school, obtaining lawfully entitled healthcare, or similar actions could lead to their private information being shared with ICE, putting themselves or their families in jeopardy;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Penns Grove, New Jersey, call upon the State Legislature to pass the ITA within its current session, and with all deliberate speed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and Council call on the Governor to sign the ITA into law; and further; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Penns Grove transmit copies of this resolution to Assemblywoman Simmons, Assemblyman Bailey, Senate President Scutari, and Governor Murphy.

Attest:

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Sharon R. Williams, Municipal Clerk

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LaDaena D. Londo, Mayor

Council	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Scott, Pres.						
Carter						
Lopez						
Marinero						
Scott						
Worley						

I certify, by signing and affixing the Government Seal, that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Penns Grove, in the County of Salem, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

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Sharon R. Williams, Municipal Clerk