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PROCLAMATION 26-004

Calling for Safe, Respectful Communities and Requesting Congressional Engagement Regarding Federal Immigration Processing Operations at 40 Manson Libby Road

BE IT PROCLAMED, by the Council of the Town of Scarborough, Maine in Town Council assembled that,

WHEREAS, the Town of Scarborough mourns the tragic and senseless loss of Johan Sebastian Guerrero, whose death in Biddeford has deeply affected families and communities throughout Southern Maine; and we extend our sincere condolences to Mr. Guerrero's family, friends, loved ones, and all those who are grieving during this difficult time; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Scarborough stands in solidarity with the residents of Biddeford as they process the grief, pain, and uncertainty resulting from this tragedy, and recognizes the profound emotional impact such events have on communities striving to remain places of safety, belonging, and mutual respect; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Scarborough is committed to fostering a safe, welcoming, and inclusive community where all residents are treated with dignity, respect, and fairness regardless of their background, origin, or immigration status; and,

WHEREAS, Scarborough values the many contributions of immigrant individuals and families who enrich our community, strengthen our economy, and help make our town a vibrant place to live, work, and raise a family; and,

WHEREAS, recent events in Biddeford involving a fatal encounter between federal immigration enforcement personnel and Johan Sebastian Guerrero have raised serious concerns regarding public safety, transparency, community trust, and the role of federal immigration enforcement within our region; and,

WHEREAS, Scarborough recognizes that investigations and official reviews related to the Biddeford incident may be ongoing and supports a full, fair, and transparent review of the circumstances surrounding this loss of life; and,

WHEREAS, Scarborough affirms that every human life possesses inherent dignity and worth, and that the loss of life under any circumstance should be approached with compassion, reflection, and a commitment to preventing future tragedies; and,

WHEREAS, Scarborough unequivocally condemns violence, loss of life, intimidation, threats, and acts of hatred in all forms, regardless of their source or target; and,

WHEREAS, the Town further affirms that individuals who engage in violence, promote fear, or act contrary to the values of respect, civility, and peaceful coexistence are not reflective of the character or aspirations of the Scarborough community; and,

WHEREAS, many residents have expressed concerns regarding the presence and operation of a federal immigration processing facility located at 40 Manson Libby Road and its impact on community trust, neighborhood character, and Scarborough's values of safety and inclusion; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That the Town of Scarborough respectfully calls upon Maine's Congressional Delegation, including Senator Susan Collins, Senator Angus King, Representative Chellie Pingree, and Representative Jared Golden, to engage with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the General Services Administration, and other appropriate federal agencies to:

1. Review the existing facility and evaluate alternatives. Work with the relevant federal agencies to review the continued use of 40 Manson Libby Road as a federal immigration processing facility and evaluate alternatives, including the relocation or discontinuation of such operations at that location, in a manner that balances public safety, community trust, and the values of the Scarborough community;
2. Promote transparency and community engagement. Call for increased transparency, accountability, and meaningful community engagement regarding federal immigration enforcement activities affecting Maine communities;
3. Uphold standards for federal conduct in Maine. Ensure that federal actions conducted within Maine respect human dignity, civil rights, public trust, due process, and community safety and commit to raising concerns with federal officials should evidence emerge that these standards are not being upheld..

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Scarborough supports peaceful civic engagement and constructive dialogue and encourages all residents to express their views through lawful, respectful, and democratic means.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Scarborough expresses its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Mr. Guerrero, to the people of Biddeford, and to all those impacted by this loss, and reaffirms its commitment to fostering a community where differences are addressed through dialogue, understanding, and the peaceful rule of law rather than violence or fear.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this proclamation shall not be interpreted as opposition to lawful immigration enforcement; rather, it reflects the Town's expectation that such enforcement be conducted in a manner consistent with the values of safety, transparency, accountability, and respect for all people.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this proclamation is hereby adopted this 29th day of July, 2026, by the Town Council of the Town of Scarborough, Maine.

/s/ Councilor Scott W. Doherty

/s/ Councilor Jonathan E. Anderson

/s/ Councilor Lawrence W. Cain

/s/ Councilor William J. Donovan

/s/ Councilor Karin B. Shupe

/s/ Councilor Michelle T. Hayes

/s/ Chairman Cory R. Fellows