

RESOLUTION

NO: 2024-09-128

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

DATE: September 23, 2024

Resolution to Monitor and Document Contacts Between Illegal Immigrants and the Livingston County Sheriff's Office - Board of Commissioners

- WHEREAS,** citizens continue to express concerns about illegal immigration and its associated increase in crime, and
- WHEREAS,** ignoring these concerns, Border Czar Kamala Harris has permitted millions of illegal immigrants to cross our borders, and
- WHEREAS,** though largely denied and underreported by major media organizations, these illegal immigrants have contributed to an increase in crime, and
- WHEREAS,** this increased criminal activity is not just isolated to southern border states, and
- WHEREAS,** records from the 44th Circuit Court of Livingston County reveal that 26-year-old illegal immigrant Alan Nieves-Garnica has pled guilty to third-degree criminal sexual conduct for an offense against a 15-year-old girl that happened within the county on October 22, 2023, and
- WHEREAS,** this and other illegal immigrant crime could have been prevented if the Border Czar chose to enforce border security, and
- WHEREAS,** earlier this year the Livingston County Sheriff was asked if open borders were impacting his department, he answered, "Yes, as a matter of fact it is. We thought we would be immune to this being a midwestern state, center of Michigan, here in southern Michigan, but we're not. We just recently had a case handled by a local police agency...it was the criminal sexual conduct of a 15-year-old by an illegal so we are not immune to this, nobody is immune to this," and
- WHEREAS,** according to CrimeGrades.org, Livingston County is among the safest counties in Michigan with the best possible Crime Grade of A+. Our crime grade compares favorably to those of the neighboring counties of Washtenaw (D+) and Ingham (D-), and
- WHEREAS,** the Center for Immigration Studies reports that Washtenaw County has declared itself a sanctuary county and that the city of Lansing, located in Ingham County has declared itself a sanctuary city, and
- WHEREAS,** reputable organizations have reported higher crime rates in sanctuary cities/counties, and
- WHEREAS,** a comparison of crime in Livingston County vs. Washtenaw and Ingham Counties shows this same trend, and
- WHEREAS,** the Livingston County Board of Commissioners would like additional data to better assess the impact of illegal immigration such that our county continues to be one of the safest counties in Michigan, and
- WHEREAS,** the Livingston County Sheriff is in full agreement regarding the collection and analysis of such data.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in cooperation with the Livingston County Board of Commissioners, the Livingston County Sheriff's Office will document contacts with illegal immigrants regardless of the nature of the contact, and provide periodic reports of these contacts to the Board of Commissioners.

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