

RESOLUTION 2024-____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO DECLARING ARCHULETA COUNTY AS A NON-SANCTUARY COUNTY

WHEREAS, Archuleta County supports legal immigration into the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Archuleta County recognizes the plight of those seeking refuge and asylum from oppressive governments in other parts of the world; and,

WHEREAS, Archuleta County respects the history of the United States as a beacon of freedom and opportunity in the world; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Denver, with a population of 713,000 people, has declared itself a sanctuary city and has served more than 37,000 migrants at a cost of \$38 million and growing; and,

WHEREAS, the saturation of the urban Colorado resources to support illegal immigrants has already led to some dispersion into rural areas of Colorado and creates the possibility of groups arriving in Archuleta County; and,

WHEREAS, those who enter the country illegally create the greatest burden on those who have entered legally, often competing for the same jobs and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Archuleta County does not have the resources or infrastructure to address the human needs it is currently facing; and,

WHEREAS, community resources within Archuleta County would be strained by any population of unsheltered homeless individuals.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO THAT:

1. Archuleta County supports citizens of Archuleta County, Colorado, and the United States of America.
2. Archuleta County supports and upholds the rights of those legally in our communities and currently paying taxes to support the services we provide to our community.
3. Archuleta County recognizes this humanitarian plight and supports legal immigration through the proper government channels.
4. Archuleta County declares that it is NOT a sanctuary county and will not open shelters or provide services, other than emergency services, to uninvited migrants and/or illegal immigrants that may arrive in unincorporated Archuleta County. Archuleta County will continue to prioritize the needs of our local citizens.

5. Archuleta County supports the Sheriff's Office to uphold the law, federal immigration policy, and to protect and preserve public safety in our community.
6. Archuleta County encourages willing and interested county residents to volunteer, donate essential items, or contribute to the Newcomer Fund, which supports nonprofit and government organizations that are providing necessary services to the incoming migrant population arriving in Colorado, including food, clothing, and medical needs; emergency shelter; employment opportunities; and wraparound support.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd day of April, 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO

By: _____
Veronica Medina, Chair

ATTEST:

County Clerk & Recorder