

*Resolution* on the federal government's seizure, detention, and deportation policies.

*Whereas*, there are immigrants and citizens in the United States who live and work in Otsego County and the Town of Middlefield and are law-abiding and contributory members of the community;

*Whereas*, all individuals living within the Town of Middlefield desire to live in an atmosphere of safety, mutual respect, and the rule of law;

*Whereas*, among those individuals there are individuals who have been unlawfully subject to seizure, detention, and deportation by actions of the federal Department of Homeland Security;

*Whereas*, the unlawful seizure, detention, and possible deportation of law-abiding individuals have adverse impacts on the economy, safety, health, and welfare of residents of the Town of Middlefield and its community;

*Whereas*, the Town of Middlefield is home to people of diverse backgrounds, abilities, and identities, from communities of diverse beliefs and cultures;

*Whereas*, the Town of Middlefield supports comprehensive due process, as well as humane treatment and strict adherence to constitutional legal procedures, for all members of our community;

*Whereas*, the seizure, detention, and possible deportation of law-abiding individuals is contrary to the values of the rule of law and due process owed to all persons;

*Whereas*, the Town of Middlefield is a community committed to dignity, freedom, equality, and safety for all;

*Now, therefore, be it resolved*, the Town of Middlefield:

- (1) Condemns the seizure, detention and deportation, of law-abiding persons;
- (2) Steadfastly confirms the Town of Middlefield's dedication to the rights and dignity of all people;
- (3) Denounces in the strongest terms the increase of hate speech, intimidation, violence, and hate crimes targeted against immigrants, refugees, and people of diverse racial, ethnic, religious, and linguistic backgrounds;
- (4) Recognizes that people of every background- irrespective of race, religious belief, national origin, and language- have made countless positive contributions to our community;

- (5) Recognizes and expresses respect and support for law enforcement agencies and officers in their responsibility to protect public safety, while acknowledging the inherent dangers of their profession;
- (6) Declares that the civil rights and civil liberties of all people living in the Town of Middlefield should be protected and preserved;
- (7) Reaffirms the inalienable right of everyone in the Town of Middlefield to live without fear and intimidation;
- (8) Affirms that the Constitutions of the United States and the State of New York fully support this resolution