

**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF RAPPAHANNOCK
COUNTY, VIRGINIA, DECLARING RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY A
NON-SANCTUARY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND ASKING THE
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO REMOVE OUR COUNTY
FROM ANY SANCTUARY LIST**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security recently placed Rappahannock County on a list of “Sanctuary Counties” for illegal immigrants that have entered the United States unlawfully; and,

WHEREAS, Rappahannock County is proud of its rich and august nearly 200-year history as a place where people from all over the world sought religious, political, and economic freedom and legally settled here to make our country and county a better place; and,

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

WHEREAS, the President of the United States is taking much needed steps to secure our borders; and,

WHEREAS, Rappahannock County dedicates significant staffing and spends considerable taxpayer funds for social services, education, law enforcement, emergency services, and our justice system; and,

WHEREAS, an influx of illegal immigrants would dangerously overburden those resources for our small, rural county with limited personnel and revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, we the Rappahannock County Board of Supervisors collaborate with elected Constitutional officers, and wish to request their continued adherence to these same policies for the benefit and safety of the citizens of Rappahannock County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rappahannock County Board of Supervisors, that we do hereby declare that Rappahannock County is NOT a sanctuary county and that we will continue to prioritize the needs of our local citizens, uphold the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and of the United States; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in conformity with federal and state statutes, that agencies of, and/or funded by the County, shall only provide those services required by applicable federal or state law; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that County staff is directed to work immediately and urgently in concert with the Department of Homeland Security to remove our county’s current erroneous designation as a “sanctuary county.”

Record of the roll-call vote on a motion to approve the foregoing resolution, said vote taken by the Board of Supervisors of Rappahannock County, Virginia, at its regular monthly public meeting held at the Rappahannock County Courthouse, Town of Washington, Rappahannock County, Virginia, on June 2, 2025:

	MOTION	SECOND	ABSENT/ ABSTAIN	AYE	NAY
Debbie P. Donehey					
Keir A. Whitson					
Van C. Carney					
Donna D. Comer					
Christine Smith					

I certify the foregoing accurately reflects the actions of the Rappahannock County Board of Supervisors taken at the time and place stated above.

 Debbie P. Donehey
 Chair, Board of Supervisors

 Garrey W. Curry, Jr.
 Clerk for the Board of Supervisors