

RESOLUTION #2026-24

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR INDIGENOUS AND IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES AND DENOUNCING ANY INFRINGEMENT ON CIVIL LIBERTIES AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

WHEREAS, the City of Brooklyn Park is home to a diverse community, including many immigrants and refugees who contribute to the social, cultural, and economic vitality of our city; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, and the laws of this state guarantee fundamental civil liberties and equal protection under the law to all people within our borders, regardless of race, religion, national origin, or immigration status; and

WHEREAS, reports of harassment, intimidation, and discrimination directed at immigrant residents, including questioning of immigration status without cause, targeting of immigrant workers and drivers, and other forms of profiling or coercion, undermine trust in government and public safety institutions and threaten the dignity and security of our neighbors; and

WHEREAS, any infringement on civil liberties, including unlawful stops, detentions, or questioning; retaliation for speaking out; or policies and practices that chill the exercise of constitutional rights, harms not only the individuals directly affected but the broader Brooklyn Park community; and

WHEREAS, Brooklyn Park has repeatedly affirmed its commitment to being a welcoming, inclusive city where all residents can live, work, worship, and travel without fear of discrimination, harassment, or unjust treatment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Brooklyn Park:

1. Denounces any infringement on civil liberties by any public official, agency, or individual, including but not limited to unlawful or biased questioning, surveillance, detention, or use of force against residents based on actual or perceived immigration status, race, ethnicity, religion, or national origin.
2. Condemns harassment, intimidation, and discrimination against immigrant community members in all forms, including verbal abuse, threats, economic coercion, and targeting in housing, employment, transportation, and public accommodations.
3. Affirms that all residents of Brooklyn Park, regardless of immigration status, are entitled to be treated with dignity and respect and to enjoy fundamental rights, including freedom of movement, freedom of expression, and freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures, consistent with the Constitutions of the United States and Minnesota.

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Mayor Winston and duly seconded by Council Member Xiong.

The following voted in favor of the resolution: Xiong, Klonowski, Page, McGarvey, Eriksen, and Winston.


The following voted against: None.

The following were absent: Council Member Tran.

The following abstained: None.

Where upon the resolution was adopted.

ADOPTED February 2, 2026



HOLLIES WINSTON, MAYOR

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified City Clerk of the City of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution as adopted by the City Council of the City of Brooklyn Park on February 2, 2026.

WITNESS my hand officially as such Clerk and the corporate seal of the city this 3rd day of February 2026.

(SEAL)



DEVIN MONTERO, CITY CLERK