

STATE IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT COUNCIL

May 27, 2025

The Honorable Wilton Simpson Agriculture Commissioner The Capitol Tallahassee, Florida 32399

The Honorable Agriculture Commissioner Simpson,

On behalf of the State Immigration Enforcement Council, I am submitting Resolution #25-005 for your review and consideration. This resolution is presented in furtherance of Section 908.1032(4)(d) and (f), Florida Statutes, which directs the Council to advise the Board on the efforts of local law enforcement agencies in the enforcement of federal immigration laws within the state and to provide recommendations to enhance information sharing between state, local, and federal partners. The resolution was unanimously passed by the Council.

Resolution #25-005 respectfully recommends that the State Board of Immigration Enforcement utilize its resources to initiate direct engagement with President Donald J. Trump and the Secretary of Homeland Security, Kristi Noem. The purpose of this outreach is to seek necessary rule and policy changes that would enhance the ability of Florida's law enforcement agencies to assist federal authorities in the removal of illegal aliens. The Council further recommends that either the full Council or its designated representative be afforded the opportunity to meet with President Trump and/or Secretary Noem to discuss firsthand the challenges that local law enforcement agencies face on the front lines.

Florida law enforcement continues to encounter individuals who are unlawfully present in the United States and, many times, are being released into our communities despite prior involvement in criminal activity. While federal partners, including ICE, are doing commendable work under current constraints, the demand for support far exceeds available federal capacity.

The resolution outlines critical areas that require executive action by the federal government. These recommendations reflect Florida's ongoing commitment to public safety and our desire to work in partnership with federal authorities in safeguarding our communities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information or wish to discuss the resolution further.

Respectfully,

Grady Judd, Sheriff Polk County Sheriff's Office Chairman, State Immigration Enforcement Council

Enclosure