

TOWN OF MANCHESTER

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RESOLUTION

Affirming the Constitutional Rights of All People in the Town of Manchester

WHEREAS both the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution guarantee the right of due process within its borders, stating that no "person" shall be "deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law," without exception, and

WHEREAS, recent actions by federal authorities, regarding detention of legal residents without due process represents a violation of these constitutional protections; and

WHEREAS a government's unchecked violation of any person's Constitutional rights creates both a threat and potential license for further Governmental abuse; and

WHEREAS, public officials must speak out against such abuses to discourage those who would dismantle the rule of law and divide our communities through fear; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Manchester Selectboard unequivocally condemns all violations of due process and other unlawful acts; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Manchester affirms its unwavering commitment to protecting the constitutional rights of all people in our town, regardless of citizenship status, national origin, political belief, or any other identity

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

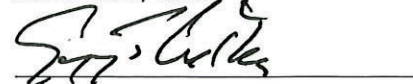
- The Selectboard of the Town of Manchester, Vermont unequivocally condemns all officially sponsored governmental actions which intentionally deny any person their Constitutionally protected rights, including, but not limited to, due process of the law for our residents;
- The Town of Manchester affirms its commitment to protecting the Constitutional rights of all persons in our town, regardless of citizenship status, national origin, political belief, race, religion, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, or socioeconomic status;
- The Selectboard pledges to oppose any policy or action -- local, state, or federal -- which targets and/or denies due process to its residents based on any of the aforementioned identities or positions, and to defend Manchester as a community rooted in equal justice, accountability, and the dignity of all.

Signed by the Selectboard of Town of Manchester on this 1st day of July, 2025:



Ivan Beattie, *Chair*

Laurie Kunz, *Clerk*



Gregory T. Cutler



Heidi Chamberlain, *Vice-chair*

Jonathan West

