

BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Resolution No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Offered by Council Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by Council Member: \_\_\_\_\_

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RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK'S COMMITMENT TO  
PROVIDING A FAIR AND OPEN COMMUNITY

Whereas, the Borough of Glen Rock has been and continues to be a town welcoming the diverse nature of its residents whose families originated from a wide variety of cultures: and

WHEREAS the people who live, work, and visit Glen Rock are a vital, valued part of our community, regardless of whether they are foreign-or domestic-born; and

WHEREAS, fostering a relationship of trust, respect and open communication between Borough officials and residents is essential to delivering effective public services and maintaining a high quality of life; and

WHEREAS the Glen Rock Police Department practices a community policing model, in which the law is upheld and enforced for the safety of the community while promoting effective relationships and collaborative partnerships between law enforcement and the public, and are complemented by the volunteer Glen Rock Fire Department and Glen Rock Volunteer Ambulance in making this a safer and stronger community for all; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council endorse the current practice of the Glen Rock Police Department to not engage in conduct constituting racially influenced policing, to not consider a person's race or ethnicity as a factor in drawing an inference or conclusion that the person may be an undocumented immigrant, and to not approach anyone for the sole purpose of determining their citizenship, nationality, or immigration status; and

WHEREAS, mutual respect and trust between the community and the Glen Rock Police Department are critical to promoting public safety because the Police depend on the cooperation of individuals, whether documented or not, who are victims of or witness to crimes; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council endorse that the Glen Rock Police Department has not entered into a Section 287(g) agreement with the Department of Homeland Security, and

WHEREAS, the Glen Rock Police Department shall continue its current practice of adhering to the Directives and Guidelines of the New Jersey Attorney General with respect to the manner in which local law enforcement agencies interact with Federal Immigration authorities.

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council recognize that any person who alleges a violation of these practices may file a written complaint for investigation with the Glen Rock Police Department; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council affirm that employees of the Borough of Glen Rock do not ask any individual or request information from any individual about their citizenship, nationality, or immigration status except where specifically required by state or federal law, but also recognize that under 8 U.S.C. §§ 1373, 1644, federal law prohibits Glen Rock officials from imposing limits on maintaining, exchanging, sending, or receiving information regarding citizenship and immigration statuses with any Federal, State, or local government entity, and affirm that nothing in this Resolution is intended to violate 8 U.S.C. §§ 1373, 1644; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Rock publicly express by passage of this Resolution to formally memorialize in writing that the Borough continues its commitment to ensuring that all people who reside, work, or visit Glen Rock feel welcome, safe, and able to fully participate in, and contribute positively to, our community's social and economic life; and be it further

RESOLVED that nothing in this Resolution shall be construed or implemented to conflict with any obligation imposed by Federal or State statutes, applicable regulations and Directives of the New Jersey Attorney General and the Bergen County Prosecutor.

RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Rock hereby joins with a growing number of municipalities and organizations in standing up to threats against privacy and liberties by taking meaningful steps to ensure that communities are safe and the rights of all residents are respected.