

Executive Summary

Meeting Date: September 8, 2025

Agenda Language: Discuss Trump Administration Executive Order Resolution

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- ☐ This agenda item contemplates action which would have financial or budgetary implications of \$50,000 or more beyond those already authorized within the approved budget, has been discussed with the Finance Director as required, and includes a fiscal note from the Finance Director.
- ☐ This agenda item contemplates a contract and has been reviewed by the County Attorney's Office as required
- ☒ This agenda item DOES NOT contemplate a contract or action which would have a financial implication

Background:

The Board of Supervisors has received significant public correspondence requesting a formal response to the human rights violations and rolling back of civic decency that the Trump Administration has passed through the decree of several Executive Orders signed by the president and memos issued by federal offices under his authority. While there are new executive orders issued every week, the chair and vice chair worked with our executive director to begin compiling a list and organizing them by themes, such as: Immigration restricts that separate families, environmental rollbacks, health care directives that undermine access to affordable healthcare, and rollbacks of civil rights protections. Some of these executive orders are currently in litigation, only adding weight to their potential legal violations.

It is our request that the Board acknowledge the toll these actions have taken by passing a resolution outlining our opposition to these harmful executive orders and stating our commitment to seeking meaningful ways to uplift all residents.

Recommendation:

- Recommend approval of resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION’S EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND AFFIRMING COMMITMENT TO RESILIENCE, UNITY AND JUSTICE

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump has enacted a series of executive orders and administrative memos that have widespread and harmful impacts on local governments, nonprofit organizations, and the American people; and

WHEREAS, the detrimental impacts from these executive orders* include, but are not limited to:

- January 29th Office of Management and Budget (OMB) memo calling for a funding freeze of federal agency grants, loans, and other financial assistance programs that caused widespread panic and increased financial uncertainty for local and regional organizations.
- Immigration restrictions that separate families, restrict refugee resettlement, and sowing fear and instability in immigrant communities;
- Rollbacks of civil rights protections, disproportionately affecting marginalized groups, including racial and ethnic minorities, LGBTQ+ individuals, and people with disabilities;
- Environmental rollbacks that weakened protections, endangered public lands, and threatened efforts to combat climate change;
- Healthcare directives that undermined access to affordable healthcare, jeopardizing the well-being of millions of Americans;
- Obstruction of justice and abuse of power, through politicized interference in legal proceedings, attacks on the independence of the judiciary, and undermining the rule of law;
- Establishment of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) which has initiated a mass termination of federal contracts, eliminating essential services, and destabilizing nonprofit and public sector operations; and

WHEREAS, these policies place immense strain on local governments and nonprofit organizations, forcing them to divert critical resources, adopt reactionary policies, and address the fallout of federal actions, while simultaneously grappling with reduced federal support and shifting regulatory landscapes; and

WHEREAS, the American people experience the direct and indirect consequences of these executive orders including restricted access to essential services, diminished civil liberties,

reduced healthcare access, weakened consumer protections, increased unemployment, decline in essential government functions, and increased polarization and fear.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Johnson County Board of Supervisors:

1. Condemns the Trump Administration's Executive Orders for their detrimental and unjust impacts on the rights, livelihoods, and well-being of the residents of Johnson County and all American people; and
2. Denounces the systemic harm inflicted on immigrant families, marginalized communities, and working-class people; and
3. Calls upon the federal government to reconsider and reverse policies that have harmful impacts on marginalized communities and the fundamental rights of all people; and
4. Affirms a commitment to protecting all people, regardless of race, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, or immigration status, and to advancing equity and justice; and
5. Will continue to seek meaningful ways to uplift all residents, regardless of their country of origin, religion, gender-identity, race, class, physical abilities, etc. through enacting policies, practices, and funding mechanisms necessary to meet our community needs with dignity and care for all.

It was moved by _____ and seconded by _____ the Resolution be adopted this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Roll Call: Fixmer-Oraiz ____; Green ____; Green-Douglass ____; Sullivan ____; Remington _____

ATTEST:

Jon Green, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Julie Persons, Auditor
Johnson County, Iowa

Date

* EXECUTIVE ORDER REFERENCES AS OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

Immigration restrictions

- EO 14160: [Protecting the Meaning and Value of American Citizenship](#)
- EO 14159: [Protecting the American People Against Invasion](#)
- EO 14165: [Securing Our Borders](#)
- EO 14224: [Designating English as the Official Language of the United States](#)

Rollbacks of civil rights protections

- EO 14151: [Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing](#)
- EO 14253: [Restoring Truth and Sanity to American History](#)
- EO 14217: [Commencing the Reduction of the Federal Bureaucracy](#)
- EO 14238: [Continuing the Reduction of the Federal Bureaucracy](#)
- EO 14185: [Restoring America's Fighting Force](#)
- EO 14170: [Reforming the Federal Hiring Process and Restoring Merit to Government Service](#)
- EO 14168: [Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government](#)
- EO 14190: [Ending Radical Indoctrination in K-12 Schooling](#)
- EO 14173: [Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity](#)
- EO 14332: [Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking](#)
- EO 14319: [Preventing Woke AI in the Federal Government](#)

Environmental rollbacks

- EO 14260: [Protecting American Energy From State Overreach](#)
- EO 14261: [Reinvigorating America's Beautiful Clean Coal Industry and Amending Executive Order 14241](#)
- EO 14173: [Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity](#) (revokes EO 12898)
- EO 14148: [Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions](#)

Healthcare directives

- EO 14155: [Withdrawing the United States From the World Health Organization](#)
- EO 14148: [Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions](#)
- EO 14168: [Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government](#)
- EO 14199: [Withdrawing the United States From and Ending Funding to Certain United Nations Organizations and Reviewing United States Support to All International Organizations](#)

Obstruction of justice and abuse of power

- EO 14331: [Guaranteeing Fair Banking For All Americans](#)
- EO [Declaring a Crime Emergency in the District of Columbia](#)
- Establishment of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)
- EO 14222: [Implementing the President's "Department of Government Efficiency" Cost Efficiency Initiative](#)