
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, FEBRUARY 27, 2026

A RESOLUTION

1 Condemning the use of deadly force by officers of Federal
2 immigration enforcement in incidents that raise serious
3 constitutional and moral concerns.

4 WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States guarantees due
5 process, equal protection and freedom from unreasonable searches
6 and seizures to all persons within the jurisdiction of the
7 United States, including those within this Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, While members of this Senate may hold differing
9 views about how Federal immigration laws should be enforced,
10 there must be broad consensus, grounded in constitutional
11 fidelity, that no policy objective justifies the abuse of power,
12 the erosion of civil liberties or the failure to respect basic
13 human dignity; and

14 WHEREAS, On January 7, 2026, officers of United States
15 Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) fatally shot Renée
16 Good in Minneapolis in circumstances that have raised profound
17 concerns about the use of deadly force during a Federal

1 enforcement operation; and

2 WHEREAS, On January 24, 2026, Federal immigration enforcement
3 officers fatally shot 37-year-old Alex Pretti, an ICU nurse who
4 worked for the United States Veterans Affairs Administration who
5 was protesting the presence of ICE in Minnesota, intensifying
6 alarm over use-of-force practices and further eroding public
7 trust in constitutional protections; and

8 WHEREAS, Beyond these tragic deaths, reports and allegations
9 have emerged of individuals being detained without arrest,
10 bystanders and residents being pepper-sprayed or intimidated
11 during Federal enforcement operations and other confrontational
12 encounters that undermine public confidence and raise serious
13 questions about accountability and respect for civil liberties;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The framers of the Constitution warned that
16 unchecked power without accountability threatens liberty, and
17 that government legitimacy rests upon adherence to
18 constitutional principles and the trust of the governed; and

19 WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court has repeatedly held
20 that constitutional protections apply to all persons within the
21 United States without regard to status or circumstance; and

22 WHEREAS, Public safety and national security are best served
23 when enforcement actions are conducted with professionalism,
24 restraint and full respect for constitutional rights; therefore
25 be it

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
27 condemn the use of deadly force by officers of Federal
28 immigration enforcement in incidents that raise serious
29 constitutional and moral concerns; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of

1 Pennsylvania:

2 (1) Demand impartial investigations of use of deadly
3 force by Federal agents and that anyone found to have acted
4 illegally be held accountable.

5 (2) Affirm that rights and protections derived from the
6 Constitution of the United States apply to all persons within
7 this Commonwealth and across the United States, and that no
8 Federal agency or officer is exempt from the obligations
9 imposed by the Constitution of the United States.

10 (3) Declare that the preservation of life, the
11 protection of civil liberties and the restraint of government
12 power are essential to the legitimacy of a free and
13 democratic society.

14 (4) Call upon the President of the United States,
15 the United States Attorney General, the Secretary of the
16 United States Department of Homeland Security and the
17 leadership of all Federal enforcement agencies
18 to immediately review and reform enforcement practices that
19 endanger the public or undermine constitutional rights.

20 (5) Urge the United States Congress to exercise its
21 oversight authority to investigate the use of force by
22 Federal enforcement officers, strengthen statutory safeguards
23 and ensure transparency and accountability.

24 (6) Reaffirm the Senate's commitment to the dignity,
25 safety and constitutional rights of all people residing
26 within this Commonwealth.

27 (7) Insist that public safety and national security are
28 best advanced when government officials at every level honor
29 their oath to the Constitution of the United States and the
30 American people;

1 and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
3 the President of the United States, the United States Attorney
4 General, the Secretary of the United States Department
5 of Homeland Security, the leadership of all Federal immigration
6 enforcement agencies, each member of Congress from Pennsylvania
7 and the Governor.