

RESOLUTION NO. 74-11 (CM)**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL 1081 INTRODUCED BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER TOM AMMIANO ENTITLED *STATE GOVERNMENT: FEDERAL IMMIGRATION POLICY ENFORCEMENT***

WHEREAS, AB 1081 introduced by Assemblymember Tom Ammiano on February 18, 2011, and as amended on April 15, 2011, entitled *State government: federal immigration policy enforcement*, if approved, would add Chapter 17.1 (commencing with Section 7282 to Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code, relating to state government); and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security's Secure Communities Program ("S-Comm") involves state and local entities in the enforcement of federal immigration law by turning on a mechanism to run fingerprints through various databases when individuals are arrested, even if those individuals are brought in on minor charges or if their charges are subsequently dismissed; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Immigration and Custom's Enforcement Interoperability Report (February 10, 2011), 73% of all persons deported in the United States were categorized by ICE as "non-criminals" or low-level offenders; and

WHEREAS, in Santa Cruz County, the number of non-criminals or low-level offenders is 86% of all deported; and

WHEREAS, AB 1081 would modify California's participation in the program to "*authorize a local government to participate in the Secure Communities program only upon the passage of an ordinance or resolution authorizing participation by the legislative body of the local government*" and requires such local governments to submit "*a plan to guard against, and monitor, racial profiling associated with the local government's participation in the program,*" including possible exceptions to protect

victims of domestic violence and juveniles and adults suspected rather than convicted of a crime;

WHEREAS, AB 1081 would allow implementation of Secure Communities to continue in California by limiting the sharing of fingerprint data to those people convicted of a crime.

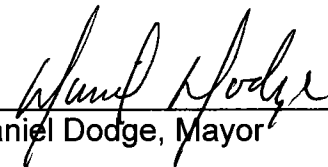
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the City Council of the City of Watsonville hereby declares its support of Assembly Bill 1081 introduced by Assemblymember Tom Ammiano entitled *State Government: federal immigration policy enforcement* as introduced on February 18, 2011, and as amended in the Assembly Committee on Public Safety on April 15, 2011.

2. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to State Assembly Members Tom Ammiano, Bill Monning and Luis Alejo, Senator Sam Blakeslee, and Governor Jerry Brown of the State of California.


The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Watsonville, held on the 26th day of April, 2011, by Member Rios, who moved its adoption, which motion being duly seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Montesino, was upon roll call carried and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Bilicich, Martinez, Montesino, Rios, Dodge
NOES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Bersamin



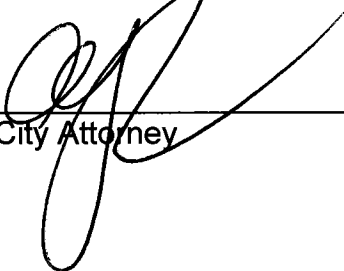
Daniel Dodge, Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney