



BC DEMS RESOLUTION 2026-02
A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING VIOLENT AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL
IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AND URGING COUNTERACTION

WHEREAS, actions of the Trump Administration and Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) have chilled and assailed the following freedoms granted by the Constitution:

- The First Amendment rights to assemble peacefully, and to document and criticize government actions via intimidation, threats, arrests, and violence against protestors, journalists, and legal observers;
- The Second Amendment right to legally carry firearms via the killing of Alex Pretti and subsequent comments by the President;
- The Fourth Amendment right to be free from unreasonable search and seizure via federal immigration agents entering homes without judicial warrants, and detaining suspects based on appearance or accent;
- The Tenth Amendment right for States to retain powers not restricted by the Constitution via halting local investigations into the highly documented killings of Renee Good and Alex Pretti, and pressuring local governments into assisting federal immigration enforcement; and

WHEREAS, according to reporting from The Guardian, thirty-two people have died in encounters with ICE in 2025¹, eight people have died in dealings with ICE so far in 2026², and there are an uncounted number of other injuries and casualties inflicted by federal immigration agents; and

WHEREAS, we as Democrats must act decisively to oppose this erosion of rights and escalating violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Central Committee of the Benton County Democrats (BC Dems) condemns the Trump Administration's above actions as unconscionable and unconstitutional.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BC Dems urge all sworn officials to uphold their oaths to support the Constitution of the United States by publicly acknowledging and acting to oppose assaults on our rights.

¹ <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/ng-interactive/2026/jan/04/ice-2025-deaths-timeline>

² <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2026/jan/28/deaths-ice-2026->




BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution will be sent to our federal and state elected officials encouraging them to continue to introduce and support laws to defund ICE, protect constitutional rights, and hold accountable the enablers and perpetrators of violent and unconstitutional actions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BC Dems will write and send out a press release regarding this resolution.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY: Danielle Chambers pct 7

APPROVED BY THE BENTON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON MARCH 19, 2026.



Chair Gabe Shepherd

March 19, 2026

Date