



## Resolution for the Humane Treatment of Immigrants Oklahoma Senate Democrats

**Whereas**, the Constitution of the United States and its Bill of Rights guarantee fundamental rights—such as due process and equal protection—to all people within the country's borders, regardless of citizenship or immigration status, and the Oklahoma Senate Democrats call on the State of Oklahoma to firmly commit to upholding these protections in accordance with the law; and,

**Whereas**, the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments clearly state that no individual shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law—principles that apply to every person present in the United States and reflect our nation's core ideals of fairness and justice; and

**Whereas**, the U.S. Supreme Court has affirmed in cases such as *Plyler v. Doe* (1982) that constitutional rights extend to all individuals in the United States, regardless of their immigration status—thereby reinforcing the duty of local governments to treat every person with dignity, fairness, and respect; and

**Whereas**, the right to challenge unlawful detention through habeas corpus, as protected in Article I, Section 9 of the Constitution, is a critical safeguard against abuses of power and arbitrary enforcement; and

**Whereas**, Oklahoma Senate Democrats value open and accountable governance, and recognize that ensuring transparency in the detention, transportation, and treatment of individuals by any agency operating within the State is essential to maintaining public trust and upholding constitutional protections, including those found in the First and Fourth Amendments; and

**Whereas**, the shared value of treating others as we ourselves wish to be treated is reflected not only in ethical teachings but in America's founding principles—affirming that every person is entitled to equal rights and humane treatment; and

**Whereas**, to promote accountability and public confidence, any personnel involved in the physical transfer or detention of individuals within the State of Oklahoma must display clear name identification and agency affiliation, and refrain from concealing their faces unless required for health-related reasons; and

**Whereas**, members of the Oklahoma State Legislature have each taken an oath to uphold and defend the U.S. and Oklahoma Constitutions, and recognize that doing so includes defending the civil liberties of all persons within the State's jurisdiction;

**Now Therefore be it Resolved**, that we, Oklahoma State Senate Democrats, call on all agencies and entities operating within the State to adhere to a clear, consistent, and constitutionally grounded process when detaining or relocating individuals—regardless of immigration status;

**Be it Further Resolved**, that this process must include prompt public notification that details who was taken, the legal authority under which the action occurred, the destination of the individual, and the justification for the action;

**Be it Finally Resolved**, that the State of Oklahoma encourages other state leaders, counties and municipalities within the State of Oklahoma to adopt similar commitments to transparency, justice, and the protection of basic human rights — principles that unite us not by partisanship, but by our shared duty to the Constitution.

**Signed and entered on this 26th day of June, 2025.**

Senator Julia Kirt	Senator Michael Brooks-Jiménez	Senator Carri Hicks
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