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Resolution No. 2025-10-A

A Resolution Affirming the Gail Borden Public Library District's Commitment to Protecting Patron Privacy, Upholding Intellectual Freedom, and Establishing Guidelines for Interactions with Immigration Enforcement Officials

WHEREAS, the Gail Borden Public Library is committed to providing an inclusive, welcoming, and safe environment for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, religion, or background; and

WHEREAS, the Library upholds the principles of intellectual freedom as articulated by the American Library Association (ALA), including the **Library Bill of Rights** and related policies, which affirm the right of every individual to seek and receive information without fear, intimidation, or discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Illinois law, including the **Illinois TRUST Act (5 ILCS 805)**, places limits on local law enforcement and public agencies regarding cooperation with federal immigration enforcement, and provides important protections for immigrant communities; and

WHEREAS, libraries are not required to act as agents of federal immigration enforcement (5 ILCS 805/5; 5 ILCS 805/15(h); *Printz v. United States*), and immigration enforcement actions in sensitive locations such as libraries are discouraged under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's own policies; and

WHEREAS, the Library is legally obligated under state and federal law to protect the confidentiality of patron records (75 ILCS 70/1; 75 ILCS 16/1-25), including names, addresses, and use of library resources, except where disclosure is required by law through a valid court order; and

WHEREAS, the Library seeks to adopt clear procedures for staff regarding any encounters with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or other immigration officials to ensure legal compliance, protect patron rights, and maintain a safe and welcoming environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin, Illinois, that:



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1. **Safe and Welcoming Space:** The Library affirms that all community members are welcome to use library services regardless of immigration status. Library staff shall not inquire about or record a patron's immigration or citizenship status.
2. **Confidentiality of Records:** The Library will fully protect the confidentiality of patron records and personal information to the fullest extent permitted by law. No patron information shall be disclosed to ICE or any other immigration enforcement agency without a valid court order, or as otherwise required by law. In addition to the foregoing, the Library will not disclose confidential patron information without direction from the Library's legal counsel.
3. **Verification of Legal Authority:** If immigration enforcement officials enter the library or request patron information, staff shall immediately refer the individual(s) to the Security Team and the Chief Executive Officer. The CEO and Security shall request proper identification and contact legal counsel before acting.
4. **Staff Training:** The Library will provide regular training to all staff on procedures for responding to requests from law enforcement, including ICE, and on legal protections for patron privacy under Illinois and federal law.
5. **Non-Participation in Enforcement:** Library staff will not assist or participate in immigration enforcement activities, such as questioning patrons, providing information, or granting access to non-public areas, unless required by a valid court order or as otherwise required by law.
6. **Community Reassurance:** The Library will publicly communicate this resolution and related policies to patrons and staff, reaffirming its role as a trusted and inclusive public space.
7. **Policy Review:** This resolution and related procedures will be reviewed annually or as needed to remain in compliance with applicable state and federal law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23 day of October, 2025, by the Board of Trustees of the Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin, Illinois.

/S/ Jean Bednar
President, Library Board of Trustees

/S/ Tiffany Henderson
Secretary, Board of Trustees