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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE UNLAWFUL KILLING OF RENEE NICOLE GOOD AND ALEX PRETTI BY FEDERAL ICE AGENTS

WHEREAS, Boston is a city founded on the principles of liberty, constitutional governance, and the rule of law, and that the preservation of civil liberties, due process, and public accountability is essential to a free and democratic society; *and*

WHEREAS, In January 2026, federal immigration enforcement agents operating in Minnesota fatally shot Renee Nicole Good, a U.S. citizen, during a federal immigration operation, raising grave concerns regarding the use of excessive and unjustified lethal force by federal agents; *and*

WHEREAS, On January 24, 2026, Alex Pretti, a 37-year-old U.S. citizen, intensive care nurse at the Minneapolis VA Hospital, and lawful gun permit holder, was killed in Minneapolis by federal Border Patrol agents after observing and documenting federal activity in a public space; *and*

WHEREAS, Public reporting and video evidence indicate that Mr. Pretti was tackled to the ground by multiple federal agents, that his lawfully carried firearm had been removed while he was restrained, and that he was nonetheless shot numerous times while pinned to the ground; *and*

WHEREAS, Mr. Pretti's family has stated that he was unarmed at the time lethal force was used, that his hands were visible, and that his final actions were an attempt to protect another individual, and they have categorically rejected the false characterization of their son as a criminal or terrorist; *and*

WHEREAS, Following these killings, senior officials within the Trump Administration publicly labeled Mr. Pretti a "domestic terrorist" without any completed investigation, due process, or adjudication, undermining fundamental constitutional protections and inflaming public distrust; *and*

WHEREAS, Renee Nicole Good and Alex Pretti are not the only individuals who have been

killed as a result of federal immigration enforcement actions. There are many others whose names are not widely known or publicly reported that have been killed during enforcement operations or while in federal custody and detention, often without transparency, accountability, or public acknowledgment. This pattern of deaths connected to federal immigration enforcement underscore an urgent need to condemn and cease Immigration and Customs Enforcement operations in our communities; *and*

WHEREAS, These killings represent a profound assault on American values, noting that federal agents are expected to act lawfully, accountably, and in cooperation with state and local officials and not in ways that intimidate, provoke, or endanger civilians; *and*

WHEREAS, No government agency possesses the authority to act as judge, jury, and executioner, and extrajudicial killings without due process violate the Constitution, human rights norms, and the most basic standards of justice; *and*

WHEREAS, The militarization of immigration enforcement, the deployment of masked and unaccountable federal agents into civilian neighborhoods, and the use of lethal force against U.S. citizens erodes public trust, destabilizes communities, and stands in direct opposition to Boston's values as a welcoming, democratic, and rights-respecting city; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council stands in solidarity with the families of those deceased at the hands of federal immigration law enforcement, with the people of Minnesota, and with our immigrant neighbors here in Boston and across the nation, and urges the federal government to end the militarized deployment of immigration enforcement agents into civilian communities, respect state and local authority, and restore lawful, accountable, and humane enforcement practices rooted in dignity, safety, and the rule of law; *and*

WHEREAS, These recent killings and the continued militarized presence of federal agents in civilian communities pose an immediate threat to public safety, civil rights, and community stability, including in Boston. This Resolution is filed as an emergency measure and requires expedited consideration due to its immediate impact on public safety and civil liberties; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Boston City Council unequivocally condemns the killing of Renee Nicole Good and Alex Pretti by federal immigration enforcement agents as unjustified, unlawful, and incompatible with constitutional governance and due process; rejects any attempt to retroactively justify lethal force through false or inflammatory narratives; and calls for immediate, independent, and transparent investigations into the actions of all federal agents involved, including full civil and criminal accountability where warranted; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be entered into the official records of the Boston City

Council and transmitted to the Mayor, the Office of the City Clerk, and the Office of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as an expression of the Boston City Council's formal position.

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