



TOWN OF POMFRET, VERMONT

SELECTBOARD

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING POMFRET'S COMMITMENT TO DUE PROCESS, EQUAL PROTECTION, AND THE RULE OF LAW

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Vermont establish due process, equal protection, and the rule of law as cornerstones of our democracy, protecting all persons regardless of citizenship, race, color, national origin, religion, political belief, or other identity;

WHEREAS, recent actions by government authorities, including the detention of Vermont residents without due process, denial of timely access to legal counsel, and targeting of individuals based on their protected speech, infringe upon constitutional guarantees that define a free society;

WHEREAS, throughout world history, the erosion of rights for one group often has preceded broader threats to liberty, demonstrating that constitutional protections must be vigilantly safeguarded for all;

WHEREAS, the protection of fundamental rights is not merely aspirational but essential to maintaining justice, liberty, and equality that define our community and nation; and

WHEREAS, elected representatives bear a solemn responsibility to uphold constitutional principles, defend individual liberties, and foster unity across diverse communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Selectboard affirms its commitment to due process, equal protection, the rule of law, and the principled exercise of government authority for all individuals within our town;

RESOLVED, that the Town of Pomfret stands firmly in defense of the constitutional rights of every person in our community, regardless of citizenship, race, color, national origin, religion, political belief, or other identity;

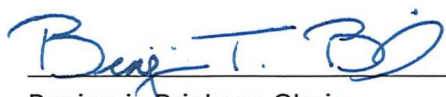
RESOLVED, that the Town of Pomfret supports policies and actions – at the local, state, and federal level – that uphold these fundamental rights and ensure all individuals are treated with equal dignity and justice under law;

RESOLVED, that the Selectboard calls upon Pomfret's elected officials, appointees, employees, and volunteers to review and strengthen town policies and practices to protect and uphold due process, equal protection, and the rule of law for all persons within our town; and

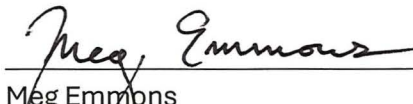
RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Pomfret's state and federal legislative delegations and to the Municipal Division of the Office of the Vermont Secretary of State.

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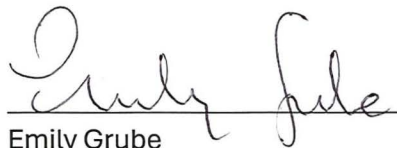
ADOPTED by the Pomfret, Vermont Selectboard this 21st day of May, 2025.


Benjamin Brickner, Chair


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