

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 143**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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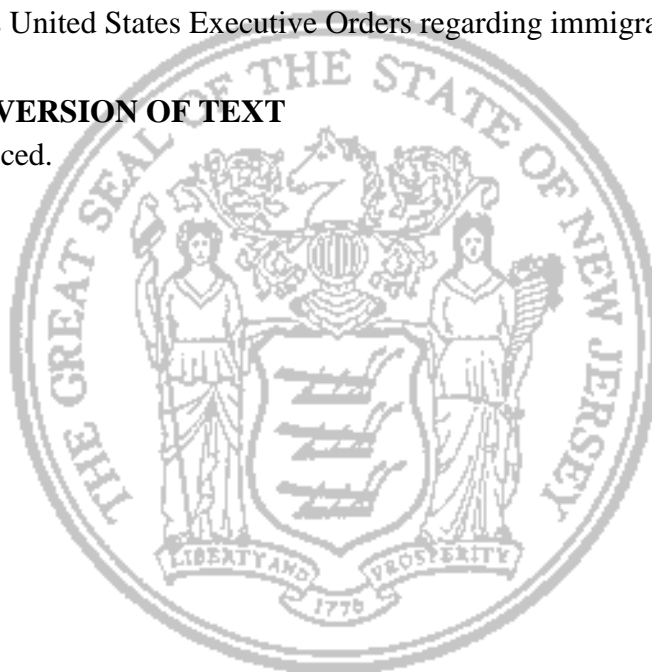
**Senators Beach, Codey, Cruz-Perez, Cunningham, Diegnan, Gill, Gordon,
Greenstein, Lesniak, Madden, Pou, Rice, Sacco, Sarlo, Scutari, B.Smith,
Stack, Turner, Vitale and Whelan**

SYNOPSIS

Condemns United States Executive Orders regarding immigration.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** condemning the United States
2 Executive Orders regarding immigration.
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4 **WHEREAS**, President Donald Trump signed three Executive Orders in
5 January 2017 addressing a range of immigration issues; and
6 **WHEREAS**, The first Executive Order, signed on January 25, 2017,
7 calls for the Secretary of Homeland Security to “take all appropriate
8 steps to immediately plan, design, and construct a physical wall
9 along the southern border,” calls for 5,000 new border patrol
10 officers, and seeks to empower State and local law enforcement to
11 perform the functions of federal immigration officers, in addition to
12 other provisions; and
13 **WHEREAS**, The second Executive Order, also signed on January 25,
14 2017, withholds federal grant money from “sanctuary
15 jurisdictions,” subject to designation at the discretion of the
16 Secretary of Homeland Security, which the order states shield
17 undocumented immigrants from removal from the United States,
18 and also seeks to empower State and local law enforcement to
19 perform the functions of federal immigration officers, in addition to
20 other provisions; and
21 **WHEREAS**, The Executive Orders are contrary to the basic principles
22 of the Constitution and long-held American values and will make
23 the United States and New Jersey less safe, including creating an
24 environment of fear and distrust between law enforcement and
25 immigrant communities; and
26 **WHEREAS**, Deputizing State and local law enforcement to serve as
27 federal immigration officers would divert taxpayer funds from their
28 intended purpose of keeping New Jersey communities safe, and
29 result in undocumented immigrants who fear that working with
30 police will lead to deportation becoming less likely to report crimes
31 and more likely to be crime victims; and
32 **WHEREAS**, The third Executive Order, signed on January 27, 2017,
33 places a selective ban for 90 days on the entry of immigrants and
34 nonimmigrants from seven Muslim-majority countries: Iran, Iraq,
35 Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen; suspends all refugee
36 admission for 120 days; and bars all Syrian refugees from entering
37 the United States indefinitely; and
38 **WHEREAS**, Since the Executive Order was signed, there have been
39 reports of refugees who had been vetted for years before being
40 approved to come to the United States, and Iraqis who have worked
41 for years with the United States military, being denied entry; and
42 **WHEREAS**, It has also been reported that individuals with valid entry
43 visas or legal resident status, including children, international
44 students, professors, and other professionals and visitors, are
45 trapped overseas, in third countries, or have been detained upon
46 arrival to the United States; and
47 **WHEREAS**, The Executive Orders continue to draw furious
48 condemnation from civil rights and religious groups, as well as

1 immigrant advocacy organizations, who described them as mean-
2 spirited, counterproductive, and costly, and stated that the new
3 policies undermine the American tradition of welcoming people
4 from around the world; and

5 **WHEREAS**, The Executive Orders will have a detrimental impact on
6 businesses and companies that rely on the expertise of professionals
7 from abroad to operate; and

8 **WHEREAS**, The United States has long served as a beacon of freedom
9 and hope for international immigrants and refugees in search of
10 better economic opportunity and religious freedom, and the
11 Executive Orders are a dramatic, radical, and extreme assault on
12 immigration and the values of our country; and

13 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey, as one of the most ethnically and religiously
14 diverse states in the nation, indiscriminately values the significant
15 cultural, social, and economic contributions of immigrants and
16 refugees from all nations and religious beliefs to the State's history
17 and prosperity; now, therefore,

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19 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the State of New Jersey (the
20 General Assembly concurring):

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22 1. This House strongly condemns the United States Executive
23 Orders signed by President Trump which: 1) call for the
24 construction of a physical wall along the southern border of this
25 country, among other provisions; 2) withhold federal grant money
26 from sanctuary jurisdictions as designated by the federal
27 government; 3) seek to empower State and local law enforcement to
28 serve as immigration officers; and 4) suspend immigration for 90
29 days from the seven Muslim-majority countries of Iran, Iraq, Libya,
30 Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen, suspend all refugee admissions
31 into the United States for 120 days, and indefinitely bar all Syrian
32 refugees from entering the United States.

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34 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
35 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly or the
36 Secretary of the Senate to the President and Vice President of the
37 United States; the Majority and Minority Leader of the United
38 States Senate; the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States
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