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Executive Order #2017-3

Greenfield has a rich diversity of prospective and points of view. It's the Mayor's job to listen and represent all constituents. After several months of participating in community forums, reading various reports and recommendations from town commissions and committees, and confirming language and law, I've worked hard to find a unifying message of respect. I have issued an Executive Order that directly relates to our community sanctuary status and President Donald Trump's Executive Order of January 27, 2017.

Greenfield aims to be a safe city for all residents. We are a proud city. We are a Green Community, Playful City, Arbor Tree City and Leading by Example City. We take great pride in our history and are guided by the actions of our predecessors.

We firmly believe that we welcome everyone to our community with open arms as exemplified by the multitude of services and opportunities provided. We encourage love and tolerance. We believe in group strength and the power of community.

It is in this spirit that I am issuing Executive Order 2017-3.
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Immigration Order

WHEREAS: I, William Martin, Mayor of the City known as the Town of Greenfield, am Chief Administrative and Executive Officer and am responsible for maintaining the well-being of Greenfield and its citizens; and,

WHEREAS: It is known anecdotally and by history, through conversation and by print, that the Town of Greenfield has a rich ancestral past derived from the energies and efforts of people from other countries. And that, the evidence demonstrates that the richest asset of a community is its people; and that, we know Greenfield is comprised of multiracial, multiethnic, multilingual, multicultural and multi-belief people that live together with the knowledge of oneness; and that, it is this strength of community, the drive to be present, to contribute to our tomorrows with sweat and dialogue that I offer this Executive Order.

WHEREAS: As expressed and authorized under Article 3 of the Charter of the City known as the Town of Greenfield, and for the purposes of maintaining the traditional role of law enforcement for the Town,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor William Martin, hereby state, by Executive Order, that the Chief of Police of the Greenfield Police Department, and any other department so charged, shall direct their departments in the following:

THAT: The Greenfield Police Department shall not authorize or employ any agreement under Section 287 (g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) without the expressed authorization and approval of the Mayor; and,

THAT: The Chief of Police shall direct the officers of the Greenfield Police Department to maintain current recurring law enforcement partnerships and to enforce requests for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainers that are criminal in nature or subject to a judicially issued warrant; and,

THAT: officers of the Greenfield Police Department will not inquire as to an individual’s immigration status, unless the status of the individual’s immigration is pertinent to a criminal matter, criminal investigation, or otherwise required by federal or state law; and,

THAT: each Officer and municipal employee sworn by duty to serve the Constitutions of the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to the Charter of the Town of Greenfield shall honor his or her oath under penalties of law and employment; and,

The Town of Greenfield is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer, a designated Green Community and a recipient of the "Leading by Example" Award.
THAT: the Greenfield Police Department shall continue to arrest anyone who violates criminal law and to promote the full force of prosecution in their primary and budgeted mission to serve and protect the locally governed population; and,

Furthermore, having been a cooperative partner of the concerns for the quality of life for all residents of Greenfield, the Chief of Police shall make public his statement of the Greenfield Police Department’s commitment to upholding the spirit of this Executive Order.

This order shall be effective immediately.

William Martin, Mayor

Date 21, 2019