

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF HUDSON**

R E S O L U T I O N

No. 82-2-2026

On Motion of Commissioner Board as a Whole

Seconded by Commissioner _____

SUPPORTING NEW JERSEY SENATE BILL 3112 PROHIBITING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FROM WEARING MASK OR DISGUISE WHILE INTERACTING WITH THE PUBLIC

WHEREAS, New Jersey Senate Bill 3112 prohibits the wearing of any mask or disguise by law enforcement officers while interacting with the public in the performance of the officer's official duties; and

WHEREAS, under Bill 3112, officers at the federal, state, county and municipal levels would be barred from concealing their faces during official public interactions, and

WHEREAS, the bill's provisions would not apply to a law enforcement officers engaged in undercover assignment; wearing a shield that does not conceal the officers face to protect the officers face from harm; wearing a medical grade mask or N95 respirator to prevent disease if the officer has obtained a statement from a licensed physician; or wearing a mask for protection against exposure to smoke during a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, a violation under Bill 3112 would be a disorderly person's offense, punishable by a \$500 to \$1,000 fine, up to six months in jail, or both; and

WHEREAS, the Board understand that masked, unidentified agents make it difficult to hold individuals accountable for misconduct, abuses of power, or excessive force; and.

WHEREAS, the presence of armed, masked individuals in unmarked vehicles creates a climate of fear and terror in immigrant communities, which is seen as detrimental to public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Board is concerned that criminals could pose as masked ICE agents to kidnap or rob individuals, a risk compounded by the lack of visible, official identification; and

WHEREAS, without visible identification, bystanders or local police might not recognize masked agents as law enforcement, which could lead to dangerous escalations or violent confrontations, and

WHEREAS, agents who operate anonymously can violate people's constitutional rights by engaging in racial profiling, stopping people without reasonable suspicion, arresting people without warrants, ignoring identifying documents proving citizenship or legal residency, refusing to show badges or identify themselves, retaliating against protesters, conducting unlawful searches, smashing car windows without justification and forcibly dragging people from vehicles, and

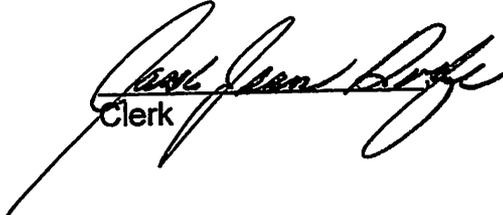
WHEREAS, the Board understands the importance of Senate Bill 3112 and the need to enhance law enforcement accountability and public trust by prohibiting officers—including federal agents like ICE—from wearing masks or disguises while interacting with the public. This Bill will ensure transparency by requiring visible identification, reducing confusion, and protecting both officers and the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Hudson County Board of County Commissioners that:

1. This Board urges The New Jersey State Legislators to instantly pass Senate Bill 3112.
2. This Board urges the New Jersey Legislators and Governor Mikie Sherrill to assist in moving this bill forward so that it can become law in the State of New Jersey.

Commissioner	Ave	Nav	Abst.	N.P.	Commissioner	Ave	Nav	Abst.	N.P.
Anonte-Linski				✓	O'Dea	✓			
Baselice	✓				Rodriguez	✓			
Cedeño	✓				Williams	✓			
Cifelli	✓				Chairperson Romano	✓			
Kopacz	✓								

It is hereby certified that at a re-organization meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hudson held on the 12 day of Feb A.D. 2026, the foregoing resolution was adopted with 8 members voting in the affirmative and in 0 the negative.


 Clerk