DURHAM FRIENDS MEETING
Minute Proclaiming Durham Friends Meeting as a 4th Amendment Organization

This minute proclaims Durham Friends Meeting as a 4th amendment organization. We make this statement in the interest of protecting our community, our neighbors and the sanctity of our Meeting and importantly, to bear public witness on our sacred duty to protect all people. We are deeply concerned with recent actions of law enforcement agencies, including ICE, that show a pattern of warrantless invasion of workplaces and of people being detained and disappeared. The threat of intrusion of enforcement agents in our sacred places diminishes our religious practice and discourages our most vulnerable neighbors from joining us. It threatens the community groups and neighbors that use our space for a broad range of activities.

This minute is consistent with and builds upon previous minutes related to immigration from April 2025 and June 2025. DFM's Peace and Social Concerns ad hoc immigration subcommittee is in the process of developing plans or processes to implement 4th amendment protections for DFM. This minute will provide a foundation for that work and also signal our Meeting's commitment to protecting our community and our neighbors.

Friends approved the minute.
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