

1.1 A Senate resolution

1.2 condemning Presidential Executive Order 13769.

1.3 WHEREAS, Minnesota has a history of welcoming immigrants and refugees from all over  
1.4 the world to seek a new life and safe haven in our state; and

1.5 WHEREAS, Minnesotans can and should continue to make progress toward realizing our  
1.6 full potential as a vibrant state with a diversity of people of different cultural, ethnic, religious, and  
1.7 racial identities; and

1.8 WHEREAS, immigrants in Minnesota bring not just diversity to the state, but also valuable  
1.9 contributions to the cultural, economic, and academic life of Minnesotans; and

1.10 WHEREAS, with the exception of people who were forced to migrate to the United States  
1.11 and Native Americans, all Minnesotans either are immigrants or descended from immigrants who  
1.12 chose to come to the United States; and

1.13 WHEREAS, we are all part of a common humanity, fully equal to each other; and

1.14 WHEREAS, the current United States Presidential administration has been taking significant  
1.15 and disturbing actions to target individuals, including those who have already established a legal  
1.16 presence, to deny them entry to our country with Executive Order 13769; and

1.17 WHEREAS, the executive order constitutes religious discrimination against our Muslim  
1.18 neighbors and is unconstitutional; and

1.19 WHEREAS, many legal, policy, military, and intelligence scholars believe that not only will  
1.20 the executive order be ineffective in preventing acts of terrorism, it is likely to significantly diminish  
1.21 the safety and security of our country; and

1.22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that Minnesota must remain a  
1.23 safe place to welcome all people who seek to make a new or better life, or to visit the United States,

- 2.1 local and state government resources to enforce discriminatory federal immigration policies must  
2.2 be prohibited, we must make every effort to make immigrants in Minnesota feel safe and welcome,  
2.3 and the Legislature condemns this illegal, divisive, and destructive Executive Order 13769.