

# Resolution to Get The Flock Out of Lee County

8/24/26

WHEREAS, the Lee County Republican Assembly defends constitutional government, individual liberty, privacy, property rights, and the presumption of innocence; and

WHEREAS, the Fourth Amendment prohibits unreasonable searches and general warrants, requiring probable cause concerning a particular person and crime, sworn to by law enforcement and supported by a warrant duly signed by a neutral judge; indiscriminately tracking an entire population searches everyone before suspicion exists, making every citizen a suspected criminal; and <sup>i ii</sup>

WHEREAS, automated license-plate readers and interconnected surveillance systems create searchable records of where citizens travel, worship, receive medical care, engage in political activity, attend gun shows and shooting ranges, associate with others, and exercise constitutional rights; and <sup>iii</sup>

WHEREAS, government cannot evade the Constitution through a public-private partnership, PPP, P3, contractor, data broker, private community, homeowners' association, business, school, waste-removal company, towing company, or other intermediary; nor may an ordinary private security camera serve as a node in a larger government-accessible surveillance network; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of automated license-plate-reader cameras have been publicly identified across Lee County, and the Cape Coral Police Department, Sanibel Police Department, and Lee County Sheriff's Office have acknowledged using or accessing such systems, including privately operated cameras; and <sup>iv v</sup>

WHEREAS, this Resolution applies to Flock Safety, Motorola and Vigilant Solutions, Axon, Rekor, Genetec AutoVu, Leonardo and ELSAG, PlateSmart, Perceptics, Jenoptik, Verkada, Avigilon, Vetted Security Solutions, BriefCam, Vintra, City Detect, and every other known or unknown surveillance vendor, system, database, platform, integration, or technological successor, whether or not it uses artificial intelligence; and <sup>vi</sup>

WHEREAS, documented errors and abuses have caused innocent citizens to be falsely accused, detained at gunpoint, arrested, jailed, and forced to prove their innocence, while law-enforcement personnel have misused surveillance databases to track former partners, romantic rivals, and coworkers, and federal agencies have used nationwide data to identify "suspicious" travel patterns and facilitate concealed "whisper stops"; and <sup>vii viii ix x xi xii</sup>

WHEREAS, during COVID-19 lockdowns, this technology could have been used to identify and automatically penalize citizens for leaving their homes, and future crises—whether involving public health, energy use, "15-minute city" restrictions, or other declared emergencies—could likewise be exploited to impose automated, warrantless control; Lee County Sheriff Carmine Marceno dismissed such concerns by stating, "When you leave your home, you know, if you're not doing anything wrong, then why are you upset?" expressing precisely the presumption of guilt and demand for submission that the Fourth Amendment was adopted to prohibit; and <sup>xiii</sup>

WHEREAS, these systems require vast data-storage and processing infrastructure, with Flock Safety reporting more than 20 billion vehicle reads each month; ending warrantless mass surveillance would protect privacy while reducing demand for energy-intensive data centers; and <sup>xiv</sup>

WHEREAS, the Lee County Republican Assembly recognizes Flock cameras as symptoms of "Severe Psychopathic Authoritarianism"; a political-psychological diagnosis of a governing mentality that pursues domination and control, disregards individual rights, presumes universal suspicion, demands submission, and treats innocent citizens as data points to be monitored, classified, and investigated at the pleasure of government; and <sup>xv xvi</sup>

WHEREAS, public safety is not advanced by destroying the constitutional principles public officials swear to defend, and no claim of efficiency, convenience, crime prevention, code enforcement, revenue generation, staffing limitations, or technological progress supersedes the Fourth Amendment; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lee County Republican Assembly calls upon Lee County, the Lee County Sheriff's Office, every municipality, and every governmental entity operating within Lee County to immediately deactivate, discontinue, remove, and prohibit every system that indiscriminately collects, searches, analyzes, retains, tracks, or shares information about persons who are not subjects of a particularized warrant supported by probable cause, sworn to by law enforcement, and duly signed by a neutral judge;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this demand applies to every known or unknown vendor, technology, database, platform, integration, subscription, grant, pilot program, interagency agreement, reciprocal-access arrangement, contractor-operated system, private system, public-private partnership, and technological successor, regardless of ownership, funding, name, configuration, or use of artificial intelligence;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all related contracts and data-sharing arrangements should be terminated; all covered equipment should be deactivated and removed; and no governmental entity should evade the intention of this Resolution by transferring ownership, operation, funding, custody, or data collection to another governmental or private party;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that every addressed entity, contractor, vendor, partner, and custodian is placed on formal notice to preserve all potentially relevant data, access logs, searches, audits, contracts, communications, policies, configurations, location records, and user records in their original form, and to suspend routine deletion, overwriting, alteration, transfer, or destruction;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Lee County and each municipality should publicly disclose every covered system, location, owner, operator, vendor, contract, cost, retention practice, access policy, user agency, sharing partner, search history, audit record, and governmental or private source of surveillance information; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Lee County Republican Assembly calls upon private communities, homeowners' associations, businesses, schools, waste-removal companies, towing companies, contractors, and other private entities to discontinue any system that conducts indiscriminate surveillance or provides government warrantless access to the movements, activities, associations, vehicles, homes, property, identities, or identifying characteristics of the people of Lee County.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026, by the Lee County Republican Assembly.

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