

RESOLUTION OF THE JO-CARROLL LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL TO FULLY EXEMPT THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HIRING FREEZE

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2017, President Trump ordered a freeze on the hiring of Federal civilian employees, except in limited circumstances; and

WHEREAS, under the order, the "head of any executive department or agency may exempt... any positions that it deems necessary to meet national security or public safety responsibilities"; and

WHEREAS, certain law enforcement bureaus within the Department of Justice, such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, were reportedly fully exempted while BOP institutions only received a limited public safety exemption; and

WHEREAS, the BOP is responsible for the custody and care of nearly 190,000 Federal inmates and is a prime example of an agency that is critical to public safety; and

WHEREAS, at the Administrative Penitentiary in Thomson, Illinois, the BOP has spent months working to activate the facility in order to help alleviate overcrowding at high security institutions; and

WHEREAS, as of October 2016, Thomson was on target to begin accepting inmates by the end of 2017 and the freeze has already forced the facility to postpone hiring a new class of incoming officers; and

WHEREAS, without the exemption, the activation of the facility may be further delayed; therefore **BE IT RESOLVED** that JO CARROLL LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY urges you to immediately amend DOJ's previous guidance on the hiring freeze and apply the public safety exemption to the Bureau of Prisons without delay.

Passed on this 3rd day of May, 2017 by the board of Directors of the Jo-Carroll Depot Local Redevelopment Authority.

AYES: Steve Keeter, Don Crawford, Paul Hartman, Bill McFadden, Kevin Raibel, BronSmith, Bill Wright, Bill Robinson

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Chairman of the LRA Board

State of Illinois

County of Carroll

I, Angie VanKampen, Secretary of the Jo-Carroll Depot Local Redevelopment Authority Board, keeper of the records and files thereof in accordance with law; do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Board of Directors at a duly and properly called meeting of the board held at Savanna, Illinois on the date aforesaid in accordance with law.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at Savanna, Illinois this 3rd day of May 2017.

Angie VanKampen

Angie VanKampen, Secretary