

Barre City Resolution #2021-05

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY AUTONOMY FOR RESOURCE OFFICERS

*Whereas*, the Barre City Council supports safety in its schools and supports fostering good relationships between law enforcement and children and rejects the notion that resource officers in Barre schools play any role in the negative image of police; and

*Whereas*, Barre City has had a positive experience with resource officers and a historical precedence of positive law enforcement in the school system for decades; and

*Whereas*, Barre City has a cost sharing agreement between the municipality of Barre City and the Barre Unified Union School District which has served our community well for several years; and

*Whereas*, State Senators Hardy, Clarkson, Pearson and Pollina introduced bill S.63 in 2021 which strips the rights of a community to employ a resource officer; now therefore be it

*Resolved*, that:

1. The Barre City Council fully supports the continuation of the cost sharing agreement for resource officers in the BUUSD facilities.
2. Barre City Council opposes any action by the state legislature to affect that agreement or strip the independent ability of a community to decide what is best for their residents' children.

By order of the City Council of the City of Barre, Vermont this 16th day of February, 2021.



Lucas Herring, Mayor

City of Barre, Vermont