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ICE Activity in Minneapolis Position Paper

Run Minnesota stands with our community—today and always. In this challenging moment, our commitment remains unwavering: to serve runners of all ages and abilities, to run freely, to welcome without limits, to foster connection, and to support every individual who finds belonging in our running community. This is not business as usual. Due to the events and activities unfolding so far this year, we have had to reassess, adapt, and rethink aspects of our operations to continue serving our community responsibly and sustainably.

We recognize that the presence and operations of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in the Twin Cities is creating real fear, anxiety, and uncertainty for members of our community, including runners, volunteers, partners, and their families. These impacts are being felt personally by people who show up to our events, our programs, and our shared spaces.

With advocacy at the heart of our mission, Run Minnesota is actively and thoughtfully exploring how best to take meaningful action to continue serving our community. Our focus is on strengthening accessibility, safety, and dignity in running for all across Minnesota, ensuring that every runner can participate in ways that feel secure, supported, and welcoming.

The safety and wellbeing of our community is our highest priority. As we continue to host organized runs, races, and gatherings, we are actively assessing conditions and making real-time, responsible decisions with participant safety in mind. We will adjust, pause, relocate, or change plans as needed to minimize risk and preserve a sense of belonging and trust within our community. Run Minnesota will continue to follow all applicable local and state laws in the planning and execution of our events and programs. We believe in the power of running and the outdoors to heal, connect, and strengthen communities, especially during moments of uncertainty.

Run Minnesota believes that our public spaces and community gatherings should be welcoming and safe for everyone. We are grateful for the steps taken by local partners to discourage the use of parks, trails, and event spaces as staging areas for activities that may intimidate or deter participation. We will continue to collaborate with city and park partners to advocate for environments where people feel free to move, gather, and belong.

We stand united with the Twin Cities and Minnesota community. Our commitment is to listen, to lead with compassion, and to take meaningful action to ensure our programs and events remain places of safety, dignity, and connection—today and always.

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