

RESOLUTION

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Affirming the City of Minneapolis as a welcoming city.

Whereas, fostering a welcoming environment for all individuals, regardless of race, ethnicity or place of origin, gender identity or religious affiliation enhances Minneapolis's cultural fabric, economic growth, global competitiveness and overall prosperity for current and future generations; and

Whereas, Minneapolis strives to be a hospitable and welcoming place where people, families and institutions thrive and the contributions of all are celebrated and valued; and

Whereas, community efforts that promote understanding and collaboration between long-time residents and foreign-born community members are crucial to ensuring a welcoming environment; and

Whereas, the City reaffirms its commitment to maintain a police force whose role is to protect and serve the residents of Minneapolis, not to enforce immigration related matters; and

Whereas, the City has undertaken a number of initiatives to support the work of community organizations working protecting the rights of our undocumented and refugee communities; and

Whereas, the City is equipping its employees with training to better serve residents dealing with the stress and trauma resulting from federal actions; and

Whereas, the City stands firmly against hate-motivated speech and actions and gives the City's Civil Rights department jurisdiction to investigate acts that discriminate, create a hostile environment, are bias-motivated or threatening conduct; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis encourages the business leadership, civic groups, other government agencies and community institutions and residents to join in a community-wide effort to expand prosperity and inclusion for all residents.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City of Minneapolis stands united with all members of our community to ensure that all are welcome here. We urge all residents of Minneapolis to do their part in reaching out to and welcoming all who live in and visit our City.