



RESOLUTION

AFFIRMING THE CITY OF NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE AS A WELCOMING CITY AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WELCOMING AMERICA INITIATIVE

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Sixteen

WHEREAS, fostering a welcoming environment for all individuals, regardless of race, ethnicity or place of origin, enhances Nashua's cultural fabric, economic growth, global competitiveness and overall prosperity for current and future generations;

WHEREAS, Nashua has long been recognized as a hospitable and welcoming place where individuals, families and institutions thrive and the contributions of all are celebrated and valued;

WHEREAS, Nashua is committed to continue building a welcoming and neighborly atmosphere in our community, where all people including immigrant newcomers are welcome, accepted and integrated; and to encourage all residents of Nashua to do their part in reaching out and welcoming all who live, work and visit Nashua;

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

WHEREAS, Nashua encourages its business leaders, 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 by implementing policies and practices that promote understanding and an appreciation of diversity; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Manchester and Concord are both Welcoming Cities, and Welcoming Week, an annual series of events to connect neighbors and serve communities, is September 16 - 25, 2016.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua that the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua recognize and affirm the City of Nashua, New Hampshire as a Welcoming City to reinforce that all are welcome in Nashua and participate in the Welcoming America Initiative by executing the attached "Commitment to Participate in the Welcoming Cities & Counties Cohort", which sets forth the City's role under the Welcoming America Initiative.



COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WELCOMING CITIES & COUNTIES COHORT

As representatives of local government, we recognize that cities and communities that proactively welcome newcomers and take steps to ensure their successful integration will be strategically positioned as globally competitive 21st century leaders.

We therefore resolve to participate in the *Welcoming Cities and Counties Cohort* and commit to taking the following initial steps toward creating an environment that is receptive to immigrants, and that unlocks the full potential of all members of the community:

- Advance a municipal or county-level proclamation or resolution declaring our locality to be a welcoming one
- Find ways to institutionalize welcoming efforts through the adoption of policies and practices that promote inclusion within local government and the broader community
- Join a cohort of cities and counties that have pledged to become more welcoming
- Appoint at least one key municipal staff contact for the project
- Participate in three conference calls each year to share and learn from promising practices from other Welcoming Cities and Counties
- Participate in an annual in-person meeting with other Welcoming Cities and Counties (dependent upon available travel resources)

City or County Name: _____ Date: _____

Agency: _____

Representative Name: _____ Signature: _____

Executive Name: _____ Signature: _____