

A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE CITY OF PEORIA IS COMMITTED TO BEING A WELCOMING CITY AND CREATING A COMMUNITY WHERE ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS FEEL WELCOMED, SAFE, AND ABLE TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN, AND CONTRIBUTE TO, OUR CITY'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL LIFE.

WHEREAS, the City of Peoria and indeed the United States, was built by pioneering immigrants, and our history is one of welcoming those seeking freedom from persecution and the opportunity for a better life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Peoria has remained true to our heritage, and since our founding has welcomed refugees seeking new homes, safety, freedom, and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, foreign-born Peoria residents are a vital part of our community, bringing fresh perspectives and new ideas, starting businesses, and contributing to the vibrant diverse community that we all value; and

WHEREAS, the Peoria Police Department has worked tirelessly to develop a Community Policing program to build solid relationships between all residents and law enforcement, that are a foundation for a safer and stronger community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Peoria wishes to reaffirm its commitment to welcoming all individuals, knowing that discrimination impedes the social and economic progress of a city by preventing all of our residents from fully contributing to the cultural, spiritual, social, and commercial life of our community; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of all individuals in the City of Peoria are essential to the City's growth, vitality, and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Peoria is committed to creating the most livable city in the country for all residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The City of Peoria is committed to being a Welcoming City and creating a community where all of our residents feel welcomed, safe, and able to fully participate in, and contribute to, our city's economic and social life. We urge all residents of Peoria to do their part in reaching out and welcoming all those who live in and visit our great City.