

RESOLUTION NO. 042-18R

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SANDUSKY AS A WELCOMING AND SAFE COMMUNITY FOR IMMIGRANTS; AND DECLARING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, the City of Sandusky strives to be a welcoming, safe, and inclusive community for all residents, including immigrants, refugees, and people from diverse races, ethnic backgrounds, cultures and religions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sandusky rejects marginalization of diverse community members through discrimination, hate, and bias; and

WHEREAS, given current demographic trends, in order to secure the future vitality of the City, it is imperative that the City develop ways to attract and retain a diverse population and to leverage this diversity in building a welcoming, safe, and inclusive community for all; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sandusky wishes to enable economic development, facilitate the integration of immigrant populations into Sandusky, retain talent, attract investment, educate and inform the existing community about newer immigrant neighbors, and support the immigrant community in reaching its full potential; and

WHEREAS, immigrants add civic, cultural, and economic value to their new home communities, start businesses, create jobs, complement the skills of the U.S. workforce, produce greater demand for existing businesses and services, and help revitalize declining neighborhoods.

WHEREAS, this Resolution should be passed as an emergency measure under suspension of the rules in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter in order to make this proclamation at the earliest opportunity as the 2018 National Welcome Week was recently celebrated September 14-23, 2018; and

WHEREAS, in that it is deemed necessary in order to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, and safety of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, and its citizens, and to provide for the efficient daily operation of the Municipal Departments of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, finds that an emergency exists regarding the aforesaid, and that it is advisable that this **Resolution** be declared an emergency measure which will take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter; and NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1: This City Commission declares the City of Sandusky to be a welcoming and safe community for immigrants, and condemns any

discrimination, harassment, or unjust treatment of immigrant residents in Sandusky.

Section 2: This City Commission authorizes and directs the City Manager to promote Sandusky as a welcoming and safe community for immigrants and invite all voices and perspectives to participate including, but not limited to, those from economic development, government, the justice system, education, social and health services, cultural groups, and the arts.

Section 3: This City Commission authorizes and directs the City Manager to communicate messages of unity and shared values, and sustain efforts through policies and practices for the purpose of talent attraction, retention, and immigrant integration to enhance social and economic opportunities for all.


Section 4: This City Commission recognizes that the Welcome Sandusky initiative is part of a broader national movement, the Welcoming Cities and Counties program of Welcoming America, which encourages communities throughout Ohio and the United States to embrace diversity, making the most of their human resources socially and economically and reduce barriers for all people of diverse backgrounds.

Section 5. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

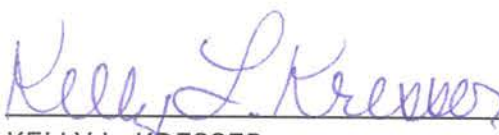
Section 6. This City Commission finds and determines that all formal actions of this City Commission concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this City Commission and that all deliberations of this City Commission and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 7. That for the reasons set forth in the preamble hereto, this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure which shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter after its

adoption and due authentication by the President and the Clerk of the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio.



RICHARD R. BRADY
VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION

ATTEST: 

KELLY L. KRESSER
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: September 24, 2018