

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF GREENSBORO AS A WELCOMING CITY THAT
CELEBRATES THE GROWING DIVERSITY OF ITS RESIDENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT
IMMIGRANTS ENHANCE THE CULTURE AND THE ECONOMY

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro is home to a diverse population of immigrants, adding to the economic strength and cultural richness of our community; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro has long been the leading hub for refugee resettlement in North Carolina, as well as a hospitable and welcoming place to all newcomers, where people, families, and institutions thrive and the contributions of all are celebrated and valued; and,

WHEREAS, over 30 cities across the country have declared themselves to be welcoming to immigrants (as of March 27, 2014), joining a national movement and sharing best practices for creating an inclusive community; and

WHEREAS, over the past seven months, the Welcoming Greensboro Initiative, led by immigrants and refugees themselves, has undertaken participatory community discussions with immigrants across the city, and has reviewed various studies to assess the social integration of immigrants and refugees into our community; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with various organizations and city officials, the Welcoming Greensboro Initiative will provide future recommendations for consideration, to serve as a framework for future action to help our city be as welcoming and inclusive as possible; and,

WHEREAS, the Welcoming Greensboro Initiative aims to build cooperation, respect, and compassion among all in our community, immigrants & non-immigrants alike, working with the International Advisory Committee, other community partners and immigrants and refugees themselves; and,

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Greensboro aspire to live up to our highest societal values of acceptance and equality, and treat newcomers with decency and respect, creating a vibrant community for all to live in;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That, the City of Greensboro is hereby declared a Welcoming City, and one that affirms the beauty and richness of our diversity, and one in which all are welcome, accepted and appreciated.