

DRAFT Welcoming City/County Resolution

*A **RESOLUTION** of the City Council of the City of _____ or Board of Commissioners of the County of _____, Washington affirming _____ is a welcoming city/county that respects the innate dignity of all people.*

***WHEREAS**, all people, including immigrants, are respected and valued and are vital to our shared prosperity; and*

***WHEREAS**, Fostering a welcoming environment for all people, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, or place of origin enhances _____'s cultural fabric, economic growth, and overall wellbeing and prosperity for current and future generations; and*

***WHEREAS**, _____ has long been recognized as a hospitable and welcoming community where diverse people, families, and institutions thrive and the contributions of all are celebrated and valued; and*

***WHEREAS**, _____ is committed to continuing to build a welcoming and neighborly atmosphere in our community, where all are welcomed, accepted, and fully integrated; and*

***WHEREAS**, Community efforts that promote understanding and collaboration between our native-born and foreign-born community members are crucial in encouraging and preserving _____'s welcoming environment; and*

***WHEREAS**, _____ encourages our businesses, civic groups, schools, government agencies, and other community institutions to undertake their own initiatives, beyond this resolution, to make _____ a welcoming place for new residents from other countries;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City/County of _____ is a Welcoming City/County that embraces all residents and visitors regardless of race, creed, or national origin; strives for unity and harmony in our community; and respects the essential human dignity of all people.*