



# RESOLUTION

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS - A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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## CELEBRATING MINNEAPOLIS AS A WELCOMING CITY IN RECOGNITION OF WELCOMING WEEK 2024

- Whereas: The week of September 13 through September 22, 2024, is recognized by communities across the United States as Welcoming Week; and
- Whereas: During Welcoming Week, communities across the country host events to bring together residents with roots in the United States as well as individuals born outside this country, including immigrants, refugees and New Americans, to celebrate, foster mutual understanding and highlight the benefits and importance of United States Citizenship; and
- Whereas: In 2017, the City of Minneapolis affirmed its commitment to be a Welcoming City, one that stands with community to ensure that Minneapolis is a welcoming and inclusive environment for all; and
- Whereas: That same year, 2017, the City of Minneapolis joined the organization Welcoming America, an organization which supports Welcoming Week events and is dedicated to assisting communities in advancing initiatives geared towards building stronger welcoming communities where residents feel a sense of belonging; and
- Whereas: Minneapolis has long been recognized as a hospitable and welcoming place, and prides itself on being a city which celebrates and values the contributions of its residents, a city where people, families and institutions thrive, and where residents can find a strong sense of community, diversity of population, inclusivity, vibrant neighborhoods, cultural districts and accessibility; and
- Whereas: The City of Minneapolis is a city where residents, whether born here or across the nation or across the world can find a sense of community, a place that is home to residents who have made extraordinary sacrifices, some of whom have experienced or escaped harms including the effects of climate change, political unrest, persecution and more; and
- Whereas: New residents of Minneapolis are a vital part of our community, who, along with our long-time residents, bring ideas, start businesses, serve in civic roles, work in critical industries, and contribute to the vibrant dynamic community that we value; and
- Whereas: The state of Minnesota has made significant strides in becoming more welcoming including enacting Driver's License for All and MinnesotaCare Immigrant Inclusion Act because all Minnesotans deserve access to healthcare; and
- Whereas: In February 2024, Minneapolis became the second city in the country recognized by UNICEF USA as a Child Friendly City. Creating a city that works for children and youth is imperative to our work because every child in Minneapolis should be able to grow up healthy and safe; and
- Whereas: In the past several years, violent crimes and/or threats of violence targeting religious, racial, and ethnic communities have increased throughout the United States. The City of Minneapolis strongly stands firm against all forms of hate and bias related speech and actions in all its forms and gives the City's Civil Rights department jurisdiction to investigate any acts that are discriminatory, bias-motivated, or of threatening conduct; and
- Whereas: By fostering a welcoming environment for all—regardless of immigration status, race, ethnicity, place of origin, English language proficiency, religion, income, gender, sexual orientation, differing abilities, age, and other factors—we enhance Minneapolis's health, economic prosperity, and well-being for current and future generations; and
- Whereas: Community efforts that promote understanding and collaboration between long-time residents and foreign-born community members are crucial to ensuring a welcoming environment;

**—NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED—**

That the Mayor and City Council do hereby celebrate Welcoming Week on September 13-22, 2024, and reaffirm their commitment to being a Welcoming City, one which welcomes all residents and works to foster a sense of belonging for all residents, including residents with deep roots in Minneapolis and Minnesota as well as residents from every part of our country and our world; and that the City of Minneapolis is deeply committed to making Minneapolis the most welcoming city in America, one which is truly representative of the diverse cultures, values and abilities of our residents, and one in which all residents are able to develop their full potential, because we are at our best when we are all in.

Passed this the Fifth Day of September 2024

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Elliott Payne, President of the Council

Approved:

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Jacob Frey, Mayor

Attest:

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Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk