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Title: Resolution affirming Pittsburgh’s status as a welcoming city and calling on the residents and institutions of Pittsburgh to reach out and welcome all those who live, work, learn in and visit our city.

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Resolution affirming Pittsburgh’s status as a welcoming city and calling on the residents and institutions of Pittsburgh to reach out and welcome all those who live, work, learn in and visit our city.

WHEREAS, during the height of the city’s industrial boom, immigrants flocked to Pittsburgh in search of employment and a better life for themselves and their families and helped to create the multicultural patchwork of neighborhoods that makes Pittsburgh so special and vibrant today; and,

WHEREAS, Pittsburgh’s economy is undergoing rapid transformation and in order to remain competitive in the 21st century, Pittsburgh should build bridges to opportunity for existing residents and welcome talented individuals from across the globe to fill in the growing skills gap; and,

WHEREAS, Pittsburgh has been declared “America’s Most Livable City” by numerous sources and that accolade must ring true for all who choose to call Pittsburgh home, regardless of one’s race, religious beliefs, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, ability, or country of origin; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Pittsburgh is a welcoming and neighborly environment in which tolerance, respect, and dignity are afforded to all; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Pittsburgh denounces and condemns hate speech and violence against all groups; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Pittsburgh is a place in which the contributions and strengths of all who choose to live, work, and learn here are celebrated and valued; and,

WHEREAS, Pittsburgh's neighborhood business districts are enhanced by a diverse array of small business owners and entrepreneurs who contribute to the growth of our region each day; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Pittsburgh is a community in which cultural understanding and collaboration between U.S.-born Pittsburghers and all of our neighbors are encouraged; and,

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, community and civic organizations, the business and corporate community, and individuals to adopt their own programs and initiatives to foster cultural understanding and promote equity and inclusion in an effort to become a more welcoming city.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby affirm Pittsburgh's status as a welcoming city and does hereby call on the residents and institutions of Pittsburgh to reach out and welcome all those who live, work, learn in and visit our city.