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INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR MICHAEL DYLAN BRENNAN
VICE MAYOR SUSAN D. PARDEE

Recognizing the National Welcoming Week September 13 – September 22, 2019

WHEREAS, this Council proudly recognizes the national event of Welcoming Week, September 13-September 22, 2019; and

WHEREAS, this will be a special week with a series of events hosted by Global Cleveland that will bring communities together to celebrate their unity and strong connection with each other, and applaud the benefits of welcoming newcomers to our community; and

WHEREAS, Global Cleveland will begin the week with their “Welcoming the World” campaign-an exciting and fun way to showcase Cleveland and the surrounding area as Global Friendly cities. This campaign will debut September 13 and last for one month; and

WHEREAS, through Welcoming the World, Global Friendly corporations and organizations share their global story through decals on their windows, floors, elevators, etc. These will showcase the company or organization as a diverse, inclusive, and global friendly employer to the world; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the efforts of newcomers in Ohio because it is part of our present and an important part of our past; and

WHEREAS, Ohio has thrived because of international newcomers. The population decline of Northeast Ohio from 1970-2013 has been mitigated by the continuous influx of foreign-born persons who have helped Ohio to grow and develop; and

WHEREAS, most international newcomers have a bachelor’s degree or higher. The Migration Policy Institute found that in 2017 49.5% of foreign-born workers have a higher education degree as compared with 33.1% of the native-born population; and

WHEREAS, the spending power of refugees and immigrants are in the billions, which significantly outweighs the cost of public services they incur; and

WHEREAS, according to the New American Economy immigrant households in Cleveland have \$3.1 billion in spending power and refugee households have \$819 million in spending power. These households also contribute to our federal, state, and local tax bases each year; and

WHEREAS, international students have financially contributed over \$1.1 billion in 2018 to the state’s economy, making Ohio the 8th most benefited state by foreign students. International students are required to pay full tuition which is three times as much, on average, as a local student, and they are not eligible for financial aid. The economic benefit is very clear and these students also help support jobs which require their unique skills and higher education degrees; and

WHEREAS, according to National Association of Foreign Student Advisors in 2018 international students in Ohio helped support over 14,000 jobs and the state was able to about one-third of international students’ post-graduation; and

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WHEREAS, Cleveland has a plethora of institutions, organizations and companies, that work together to integrate newcomers; and

WHEREAS, with ample support from City of Cleveland and other institutions, Cleveland now has more than 31 cultural gardens – designed and cultivated by distinct cultural or nationality groups. Cleveland Cultural Gardens represent the diversity and multiculturalism in Cleveland and holds mission of “peace through mutual understanding”. This has helped people living in Cleveland become interculturally competent, unprejudiced and more welcoming towards international newcomers. This benefits the city and the state through the impact these newcomers have socially, economically and culturally; and

WHEREAS, as we continue with these efforts, we can continue to transform Cleveland into an international hub of innovation, we can embrace and cultivate a culture of inclusion and shared prosperity; and we can create a platform for internationalization and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, Global Cleveland’s “Welcoming the World” Campaign plays a huge part in continuing the momentum built around shared prosperity in our society, community, city and state; and

WHEREAS, through these efforts Global Cleveland proceeds with its mission to attract, welcome and connect international newcomers to economic and social opportunities in Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. We are ‘Strengthening Our Communities – By Welcoming Our World’.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of University Heights proudly recognizes the National Event of Welcoming Week, September 13-September 22, 2019.


City of University Heights, Ohio


Michael Dylan Brennan, Mayor


Susan D. Pardee, Vice Mayor

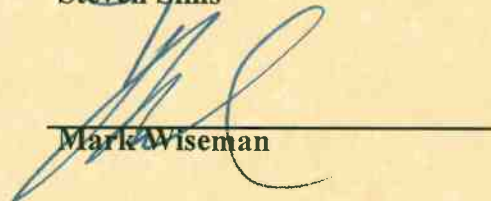

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