

CITY OF CONCORD

In the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE AS A WELCOMING CITY AND JOINING THE WELCOMING AMERICA INITIATIVE, TO HELP UNITE OUR COMMUNITY AND ENSURE THAT ALL ARE WELCOME IN CONCORD.

The City of Concord resolves as follows:

WHEREAS, fostering a welcoming environment for all individuals, regardless of race, ethnicity or place of origin, enhances Concord's cultural fabric, economic growth, global competitiveness and overall prosperity for current and future generations; and

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

WHEREAS, Concord is committed to continue building a welcoming and neighborly atmosphere in our community, where all people including immigrants and newcomers are welcome, accepted and integrated; and to encourage all residents of Concord to do their part in reaching out and welcoming all who live, work and visit Concord; and

WHEREAS, community efforts that promote understanding and collaboration between long-time residents and foreign-born community members are crucial to encouraging and ensuring a welcoming environment, such as the Welcoming Concord Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Concord encourages its business leaders, civic groups, other government agencies and community institutions and residents to join in a community-wide effort to expand prosperity and inclusion for all residents by implementing policies and practices that promote integration; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of City of Concord that:

1. Concord does hereby recognize the Welcoming Concord Initiative as helping to unite our community and proudly joins the Welcoming America Initiative as one of the many cities and municipalities that already are Welcoming Communities.
2. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.