

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Declaring Multnomah County as a Welcoming County and Supporting Membership in Welcoming America.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. It is imperative that local and national leaders unite against the recent escalation in hate crimes, discrimination and blatant racism.
- b. Multnomah County values the diversity and acknowledges the strength and resilience our immigrant and refugee communities bring to our nation.
- c. Multnomah County is committed to continue building a welcoming community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.
- d. Efforts that promote understanding, education and collaboration in our diverse community are crucial to preserving and strengthening Multnomah County's welcoming environment and economy.
- e. Welcoming America is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to leading a movement of inclusive communities across the nation. Members of Welcoming America connect with community leaders, government, and community-based organizations creating cutting-edge toolkits, policies, and engagement strategies. In addition the County will gain access to training, policy research and regional partnerships that support the County's commitment to creating safety and belonging and to ensuring continued access to the County's vital services.
- f. Launched in 2009, Welcoming America spurred a national movement, with one in eight Americans living in a Welcoming Community. This award-winning, social entrepreneurship model is beginning to scale globally.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. Multnomah County is a Welcoming Community.
2. The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners supports the County in becoming an active member of the national Welcoming America network.

ADOPTED this ____ day of March, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Deborah Kafoury, Chair

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