

**Resolution from Council Member Castañeda-López and Council Member
André Spivey Affirming Detroit as a Welcoming City**

WHEREAS, the City of Detroit believes in the innate dignity of all its residents and recognizes the importance of their valuable contributions to the social, religious, cultural, and economic life within the city. The City of Detroit acknowledges, honors, and values our immigrant and migrant roots, and embraces the values of family, faith, and hard work; and

WHEREAS, the City of Detroit has long been home to immigrants from around the world, who come seeking opportunity, stability, prosperity, and a better life for their families. The City of Detroit is home to many immigrants who come from regions such as the Caribbean, the Middle East, South and Central America, Africa, Europe, and Asia. The City's diverse communities consist of first and second generation immigrants as well as African-Americans who have historically migrated from the southern United States; and

WHEREAS, the Welcoming Detroit initiative aims to build cooperation, respect, and compassion among all in our city, including immigrants and non-immigrants alike; endeavors to create an atmosphere in which immigrants and refugees have increased opportunities to integrate into the social fabric of their adopted hometowns; and seeks to embrace diversity while supporting and retaining unique cultural identities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Detroit 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. Residents of the City of Detroit have long accepted newcomers as their equals, and have treated them with decency and respect, creating a vibrant community for all to live in; and

WHEREAS, the City of Detroit is committed to building a diverse, inclusive, and global city and will continue to provide a neighborly and welcoming atmosphere, where all are respected and accepted. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, by the Detroit City Council, on July 28, 2014 that the City of Detroit is affirmed as a place where all foreign-born and native-born Americans can live, work, and play together, share in each other's customs and ideals, and appreciate and promote cultural diversity.

