

Resolution Reaffirming Royal Oak a Welcoming City

Whereas, the City of Royal Oak believes in the innate dignity of all people; and

Whereas, the City of Royal Oak acknowledges, honors, and values our immigrant and migrant roots, and embraces the values of family, faith, and hard work; and

Whereas, the City of Royal Oak celebrates diversity and recognizes that invaluable contributions to our social, religious, cultural, and economic landscape have come from a wide variety of racial and ethnic backgrounds; and

Whereas, the City of Royal Oak, and the southeastern Michigan region as a whole, has long been home to immigrants from around the world, who come seeking opportunity, stability, prosperity, and a better life for their families; and

Whereas, recent events on the national stage demand that people and communities of conscience speak out in defense of, and reaffirm their commitment to, this most basic American value; and

Whereas, the Welcoming Royal Oak 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 Royal Oak 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 Royal Oak 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, as evidenced by our publicly supported human rights ordinance, the City of Royal Oak is committed to building a diverse, inclusive, and global city; and

Whereas, the City of Royal Oak will continue to provide a neighborly and welcoming atmosphere, where all are respected and accepted;

Now therefore be it resolved, by the Royal Oak City Commission, on February 13, 2017, that the City of Royal Oak 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.