

MODEL RESOLUTION
Municipality of Allegheny County,
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

RESOLUTION JOINING ALLEGHENY COUNTY IN ITS COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE WELCOMING CITIES AND COUNTIES PROJECT

WHEREAS, _____, a _____, is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, as representatives of local government, we recognize that communities that proactively welcome newcomers and take steps to ensure their successful integration will be strategically positioned as globally competitive, 21st century leaders; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County has committed to participate in the *Welcoming Cities and Counties Project*, and has resolved to take steps toward creating an environment that is receptive to immigrants, and that unlocks the full potential of all members of the community; and

WHEREAS, through its Department of Human Services, Allegheny County established the Immigrants & Internationals Advisory Council that focuses on providing services that are culturally competent, accessible, and demonstrate respect for individuals, their goals and preferences; the Council is credited with making the region more immigrant-friendly on several fronts; and

WHEREAS, many stakeholders and organizations are working collaboratively to attract, retain and elevate a diversity of talent, and to promote our region nationally and internationally as a diverse, welcoming region of opportunities; and

WHEREAS, _____ shares Allegheny County's principles that most U.S. residents are hospitable, welcoming and inclusive of diversity; we have a shared responsibility to treat all our neighbors with respect and decency and to advancing the basic principles upon which the United States was founded establishing the equality and dignity of all people, including immigrants; and

WHEREAS, _____ is committing to raising the level of public discourse concerning immigrants and immigration, promoting understand of the contributions that immigrants make to the U.S. and the effects of immigration on our communities; and

WHEREAS, _____, along with Allegheny County, will challenge the common myths and stereotypes about immigrants and will utilize the Welcoming America campaign as a vehicle for changing the public discourse on immigrants and immigration in our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the _____ of _____, that the Board/Council joins Allegheny County in its commitment to participate in the Welcoming Cities & Counties Project;

FURTHERMORE, that the _____ further encourages its residents and businesses to adopt a welcoming attitude and join the municipality in ensuring that _____ is seen as a welcoming community to all.

ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2014 by the _____ of the _____.

ATTEST:

MUNICIPALITY:

SEAL