

A Resolution No. 5844

Declaring The City of Springfield, Ohio, a community welcoming of immigrants and immigrant-owned businesses, and declaring an emergency.



WHEREAS, this Commission recognizes the contributions immigrants have made to the community since its founding; and

WHEREAS, this Commission realizes that this community is currently home to a growing population of foreign-born residents; and

WHEREAS, this Commission understands that today's world is increasingly mobile and supports a global economy; and

WHEREAS, this Commission recognizes that population decline is a threat to economic stability, and a proactive approach to immigrants can help to offset the loss of working-age residents anticipated in the future; and

WHEREAS, this Commission appreciates the important role that global talent and immigrant workers play in building a more robust local economy; and

WHEREAS, this Commission determines that The City of Springfield, Ohio, should be a community welcoming of immigrants and immigrant-owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, in order that such a stance on immigrants and immigrant-owned businesses can be fostered and accepted at the earliest possible moment, thereby preserving the public peace, health, safety, and property, it is necessary that this Resolution become effective immediately: NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of The City of Springfield, Ohio, at least four of its members concurring:

Section 1. That The City of Springfield, Ohio, joins cities like Dayton and Columbus that have formed a voluntary network of immigrant-friendly communities called Global Great Lakes and Welcoming America.

Section 2. That the City Commission declares The City of Springfield, Ohio, welcoming to immigrants and immigrant-owned businesses.

Section 3. That the City Commission vows to maintain and adopt policies that promote the inclusion and integration of immigrants within this community, assisting them in their pursuit of the American dream, and thus empowering them to become a

viable part of the area's economic base.

Section 4. That the City Commission encourages the facilitation of open and civil dialogue about strategies the Springfield community can practice and promote to see that immigrants achieve the highest value of hospitality and free enterprise.

Section 5. That by the reason of the emergency set forth and defined in the preamble hereto, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of July, A.D., 2014.

Maureen R. Lepelard
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Connie DeChapelle
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION