

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING AND EMBRACING ITS DIVERSE CULTURAL AND IDEOLOGICAL HISTORY AND WELCOMING RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF ALL BACKGROUNDS AND BELIEFS.

WHEREAS, like many communities in South Florida, the City of Hollywood is comprised of residents and visitors with a rich and diverse background of familial, cultural, and religious beliefs; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes and celebrates the importance that such diversity brings to establishing Hollywood as a unique and essential member of the South Florida community, and in maintaining its place as a community leader both here and abroad; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to reaffirm its commitment to recognize and embrace its diverse cultural and ideological background, and recognizes the importance that its history of diversity continues to have on its goal to be the best place to live, work and play in the South Florida community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated in this Resolution.

Section 2: That it recognizes, celebrates and embraces the diverse familial, cultural and religious backgrounds of its residents and visitors, as well as the importance that such history continues to have in the daily life of the residents of the City and throughout the South Florida community.

Section 3: That it welcomes all immigrants to the City, while working to embrace each immigrant family into our community and provide sufficient and adequate housing and relevant services to all residents, regardless of national origin, without discrimination at any level.

Section 4: That it supports equal opportunity for all persons, regardless of age, race, color, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, gender, national origin, or disability, and encourages all its residents and visitors to embrace the City's rich and diverse background.

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Section 5: That it reaffirms the City's commitment that any law enforcement action against an individual will be free from discrimination based on confirmed, perceived, or suspected race, color, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, marital status, age, disability, status as a veteran, or ability to speak English, except when a specific suspect description includes information on the above protected categories and that information is received in the course of an investigation into a specific criminal activity.

Section 6: That it reaffirms the City's commitment to refrain from detaining any person solely on the basis of the person's citizenship or immigration status absent any request from a federal immigration agency.

Section 7: That to protect victims of crime and in furtherance of the U.S. Victims of Trafficking and Violence Prevention Act (TVPRA), the City of Hollywood Police Department shall use best efforts to review in an expeditious manner all Form I-918, Supplement B ("U Visa Certifications") it receives and certify "victim helpfulness" on the Form I-918, Supplement B if (1) the requester was a victim of qualifying criminal activity, and (2) the requester is, has been, or is likely to be helpful in the detection, investigation or prosecution of a qualifying criminal activity.

Section 8: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

ATTEST:

JOSH LEVY, MAYOR

PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY for the use and reliance
of the City of Hollywood, Florida, only.

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