

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING BROWARD COUNTY AN INCLUSIVE AND WELCOMING COUNTY FOR ALL OF ITS RESIDENTS AND VISITORS IRRESPECTIVE OF RACE, RELIGION, ETHNICITY, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN.

WHEREAS, the United States of America has a proud legacy of providing refuge to those who seek freedom, opportunity, and democracy; and

WHEREAS, immigrants are the foundation of this country and have, throughout history, made significant contributions to the economic and social fabric of the nation; and

WHEREAS, Broward County ("County") is among the nation's most diverse counties; and

WHEREAS, fostering a relationship of trust, respect, and open communication among members of the Board of County Commissioners ("Board"), other public officials, and all of the County's residents is essential to the County's mission of delivering efficient public services while ensuring public safety, a prosperous economic environment, opportunities for the youth, and a high quality of life for Broward County residents; and

WHEREAS, the conflation of federal civil immigration law enforcement and the local criminal justice system experienced in some communities across the nation has resulted in considerable erosion of public safety and trust; and

WHEREAS, Broward County is committed to fostering diversity, tolerance, and inclusivity in an ever-changing world, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

1 Section 1. The Board hereby declares Broward County an inclusive County
2 which welcomes, celebrates, and offers refuge to all residents and visitors irrespective of
3 race, religion, ethnicity, or national origin.

4 Section 2. SEVERABILITY.

5 If any portion of this Resolution is determined by any Court to be invalid, the invalid
6 portion shall be stricken, and such striking shall not affect the validity of the remainder of
7 this Resolution. If any Court determines that this Resolution, or any portion hereof, cannot
8 be legally applied to any individual(s), group(s), entity(ies), property(ies), or
9 circumstance(s), such determination shall not affect the applicability hereof to any other
10 individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance.

11 Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

12 This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

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14 ADOPTED this _____ day of February, 2017.

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16 Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:
17 Joni Armstrong Coffey, County Attorney

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