



City Of Raleigh
North Carolina

Nancy McFarlane
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the City of Raleigh recognizes that cities that proactively welcome immigrants and take steps to ensure their successful integration will be strategically positioned as globally competitive, 21st century leaders; and

WHEREAS Raleigh is committed to continue building a welcoming and neighborly atmosphere in our community, where all people, including recent immigrants, are welcome, accepted and integrated; and

WHEREAS city efforts and policies that promote full access for all, including recent immigrants, are crucial to individual and community success; and

WHEREAS policies that negate opportunities for contributions to our community in the fullest capacity hinder Raleigh's prosperity and compromises our commitment to the American values here stated; and

WHEREAS fostering a welcoming environment for all individuals, regardless of race, ethnicity or place of origin, enhances Raleigh's cultural fabric, economic growth, global competitiveness and overall prosperity for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS Raleigh' Human Relations Commission is pleased to join with Uniting NC and Welcoming America's Welcoming Cities and Counties Initiative to ensure full support and equal access to opportunity for our newest immigrant residents and all who call Raleigh home.

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I, Nancy McFarlane, Mayor of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, proclaim that Raleigh is a **WELCOMING CITY**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Raleigh to be affixed this 6th day of May, 2014.



Nancy McFarlane, Mayor