

WELCOMING PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Many communities utilize public Welcoming proclamations or resolutions by elected officials to affirm their support for the principles of being a welcoming community. Additionally, some communities will issue a public statement in conjunction with Welcoming Week.

Welcoming America local government members commit to a proclamation or resolution, and while many choose to do so to announce their participation in the Membership Network, the requirement may be met any time within a reasonable period of becoming a member.

Whether a community wishes to issue a proclamation or resolution merely as a symbolic act or more formally, to become a recognized Welcoming City or County and Member, we ask that you please reach out to Welcoming America before doing so, so that we can best coordinate with you around proactive communications, as well as to avoid potential pitfalls that can come with public declarations.

In general, it's best to:

- Review sample resolutions from other communities for reference
- Speak to voting members of the municipal body in advance to make sure their questions about the resolution are answered and there is nothing standing in the way of their support
- Check-in with the official administering the public meeting to see how well attended it will be and who has signed up to make public comment
- Invite diverse allies of the resolution to attend to support it, watch it be approved, and pose for any photo ops, post on social media

Samples:

- [Gov. Rick Snyder proclaims Welcoming Week in Michigan; Immigrant communities contribute to state's economic revitalization](#)
- [Proclamation by Atlanta, Georgia](#)
- [Proclamation by Beaverton, Oregon](#)

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ANSWERING TOUGH QUESTIONS ABOUT WELCOMING COMMUNITIES

Welcoming America maintains and regularly updates Frequently Asked Questions page on our website at <https://www.welcomingamerica.org/about/faq> in order to help the public and our partners respond to common questions or concerns.

We also make available a number of messaging toolkits to help you in presenting this issue:

- [Stand Together](#)
- [Reframing Refugees](#)
- [Stronger Together](#)

Welcoming America also provides a number of resources in how your community can take the next steps in welcoming, including:

- [Receiving Communities Toolkit](#)
- [Community Planning Process Guide](#)

More resources are listed on our website, www.welcomingamerica.org/resources.

Additionally, our staff is available to help you navigate particular questions or concerns that may arise around issues ranging from refugee resettlement to undocumented immigrants. Please contact Isha Lee anytime for resources or guidance at isha@welcomingamerica.org.