

A RESOLUTION ON WELCOMING REFUGEES

- WHEREAS,** Beaverton has a long history of welcoming newcomers and building a caring, inclusive and strong community which celebrates its diversity; and
- WHEREAS,** our neighbors in Beaverton include individuals from all parts of the world who speak over 100 different languages and represent many cultures; and
- WHEREAS,** global conflicts and war have fueled the largest refugee crisis since World War II and according to the United Nations Refugee Agency, more than 65.6 million people have been displaced worldwide, with 22.5 million living as refugees—more than half of whom are under eighteen years old; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States has traditionally stood as a refugee protection leader and a place of welcome for those seeking security and freedom; and
- WHEREAS,** we believe that opening our doors to those who are fleeing violence does not endanger our safety; but rather shows our compassion and hope; and
- WHEREAS,** refugees deserve to live in an America free from harassment, hate and fear; in communities where their contributions are recognized and celebrated; and
- WHEREAS,** Beaverton is committed to remain a safe haven for refugees, regardless of their national origin or religion and encourages leaders from across all sectors to join in a community-wide effort to expand integration and inclusion for refugees;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEAVERTON, OREGON:

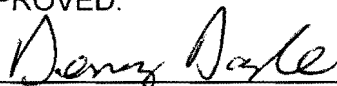


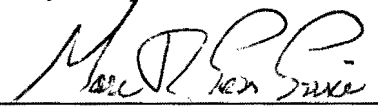
That the City of Beaverton will work with other governmental and non-governmental agencies and residents to identify ways in which the community can provide support for refugee families relocating to the Beaverton area and integrating into our community.


Adopted by Council this 13th day of February, 2018.

Approved by the Mayor this 14th day of February, 2018.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

APPROVED:

 Denny Doyle, Mayor	 Cate Arnold, Councilor	<u>Excused</u> Lacey Beaty, Council President
 Betty Bode, Councilor	<u>Excused</u> Mark Fagin, Councilor	 Marc San Soucie, Councilor

ATTEST:  Catherine Jansen, City Recorder