

A RESOLUTION REGARDING SUPPORT FOR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, CELEBRATION OF IMMIGRANT CONTRIBUTIONS, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, The Town of Carrboro has vibrant and healthy immigrant communities; and

WHEREAS, The encouragement of our immigrant communities is critical to preserving our legacy as a nation of immigrants; and

Whereas, the Town of Carrboro has long shown support for immigrant communities by calling for the reform of US Immigration Law and Policy, working to defeat wage theft, offering training programs for immigrant workers, adopting a policy that the Carrboro Police Department will not seek to arrest persons when the sole basis for arresting such persons is that such persons have or may have committed a civil immigration violation; and,

WHEREAS, A healthy local economy and society is one that fully appreciates the contributions of all of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Official recognition and celebration of the contributions of often marginalized groups is necessary for an inclusive city; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina and Carrboro's leadership in the global economy necessitates that the Board of Aldermen be a leader on issues of immigration; and

WHEREAS, Carrboro has a demonstrated legacy of advocating social justice and a commitment to an inclusive society; and

WHEREAS, Diversity, bilingualism, and exposure to other cultures serves to strengthen our city and our society in the interconnected world of the 21st Century,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1- The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Carrboro supports and encourages its immigrant communities; and

Section 2- The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Carrboro reaffirms its commitment to representing and engaging with its immigrant residents; and

Section 3- The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Carrboro, in keeping with this commitment to its immigrant residents, supports efforts in Congress to advance commonsense, comprehensive, bipartisan immigration reform; and

Section 4- The month of June shall hereafter be celebrated as Immigrant Heritage month in Carrboro.

Section 5- Upon passage, a copy of this resolution shall be sent by mail to the mayors and legislative councils of Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Raleigh, Boone, Greensboro, Durham, Hillsborough, Rocky Mount, Asheville, and Winston Salem; and

Section 6- This resolution shall become effective upon successful passage.