

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-68
INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR WARD AND ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL EVENT OF WELCOMING WEEK AND SALUTING GLOBAL CLEVELAND FOR HOSTING THE LOCAL CELEBRATION OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THOSE WHO HAVE IMMIGRATED TO THIS COUNTRY.

WHEREAS, the mission of Global Cleveland is to attract, welcome and connect international newcomers to economic and social opportunities in Cleveland and Cuyahoga County, thereby “Strengthening our Communities – by Welcoming Our World”, and

WHEREAS, Ohio was built upon and has thrived because of international newcomers. The population decline of Northeast Ohio from 1970-2013 has been mitigated by the continuous legal influx of foreign-born persons who have helped Ohio to grow and develop, and

WHEREAS, most international newcomers have a bachelor’s degree or higher. The Migration Policy Institute found that in 2017 49.5% of foreign-born workers have a higher education degree as compared with 33.1% of the native-born population, and

WHEREAS, immigrant households and international students contribute both financially and culturally to the economy and vibrancy of our communities, and

WHEREAS, because of its rich immigrant heritage the City of Cleveland has fostered a plethora of institutions, organizations and companies, that pay tribute to and thrive because of the cultural diversity the area enjoys and work together to integrate newcomers, and

WHEREAS, with ample support from City of Cleveland and other institutions, Cleveland now has more than 31 cultural gardens – designed and cultivated by distinct cultural or nationality groups. Cleveland Cultural Gardens represent the diversity and multiculturalism in Cleveland and holds mission of “peace through mutual understanding”.

WHEREAS, Global Cleveland will host a special week with a series of events that will bring communities together to celebrate their unity and strong connection with each other, and applaud the many benefits of welcoming newcomers to our community. Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNDHURST, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO

SECTION 1. This Council, on behalf of itself, the Mayor, the Administration and the residents of the City of Lyndhurst wishes to acknowledge the rich immigrant heritage of our region and the many contributions immigrant citizens have made to our culture, our business community and our economy.

SECTION 2. The City of Lyndhurst proudly recognizes the national event of Welcoming Week, September 13 to September 22, 2019 and salutes Global Cleveland for its efforts as host of a series of local celebratory events; and

SECTION 3. The Mayor, Patrick A. Ward, be and he is hereby requested to cause a duplicate of this Resolution to be presented to Global Cleveland at an appropriate occasion, and the Clerk of Council be and she is hereby authorized and directed to file the original in the Journals of Council.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

PASSED: September 3, 2019

MAYOR PATRICK A. WARD

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of Council

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