

**FILE OF THE CITY CLERK**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 03 - 2019**

**INTRODUCED - JANUARY 8, 2019**

**APPROVED BY COUNCIL – JANUARY 8, 2019**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER DECLARING THE CITY OF LANCASTER TO BE A WELCOMING COMMUNITY TOWARD ALL PEOPLE, RESPECTFUL OF THE INNATE DIGNITY OF EVERY PERSON AND OF DIVERSITY IN ALL ITS FORMS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lancaster is the home to people of all backgrounds, including those who were not born in this Country but now call it home; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Lancaster has long been recognized as a hospitable and welcoming place where people, families and institutions thrive and the contributions of all are celebrated and valued; and

**WHEREAS**, Lancaster is committed to continue building a welcoming and neighborly atmosphere in our community, where all are welcome, accepted and integrated; and

**WHEREAS**, community efforts that promote understanding and collaboration between our native-born and foreign-born community members are critical in encouraging and preserving Lancaster's welcoming environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Lancaster, declares the City of Lancaster a Welcoming Community and encourages its citizens to be respectful of the innate dignity and diversity in every person.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Lancaster will support community organizations in furthering their welcoming efforts to ease integration of new Americans and will continually assess City services and procedures to improve customer service and quality of life for all residents.

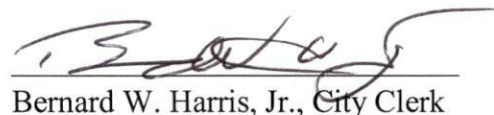
**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the City of Lancaster, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.



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Danene Sorace, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Bernard W. Harris, Jr., City Clerk