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RECORD OF RESOLUTIONS

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BEAR GRAPHICS INC. 2014 FORM NO. 2004

Resolution No. 3662 as amended by substitution, Passed April 3, 2017
4/3/17

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING BOWLING GREEN AS A WELCOMING AND SAFE COMMUNITY FOR IMMIGRANTS AND CONDEMNING ANY DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT OR UNJUSTIFIED DEPORTATION OF IMMIGRANT RESIDENTS OF BOWLING GREEN

WHEREAS, the City of Bowling Green has long strived to be a welcoming, safe, and inclusive community for all residents, including immigrants, refugees, and people from diverse races, ethnic backgrounds, cultures and religions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bowling Green Human Relations Commission, Not In Our Town (NIOT), and other organizations and institutions are a proof that the City has rejected marginalization of diverse community members through discrimination, hate, and bias; and

WHEREAS, further indications of this welcoming, safe, and inclusive environment are the January 17, 2017 resolution condemning violence, hate speech and discrimination targeting Muslim people and legislation such as the 2009 ordinance expanding the City's existing laws on unlawful discrimination; and

WHEREAS, given current demographic trends, in order to secure the future vitality of the City and the County, it is imperative to develop ways to attract and retain a diverse population and consequently to leverage this diversity in the building of welcoming, safe, and inclusive communities for all; and

WHEREAS, the Bowling Green Police Division has adopted a Community Oriented Policing philosophy focusing on establishing relationships and partnerships within the community and, as part of its accreditation standards, has adopted a policy that employees will not "engage in bias based profiling" as it is deemed contrary to the mission statement and core values of the organization.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWLING GREEN, COUNTY OF WOOD, AND STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1: That the City of Bowling Green proclaims itself to be a welcoming and safe community for immigrants, and condemns any discrimination, harassment, or unjustified deportation of immigrant residents of Bowling Green; and

SECTION 2: That the City of Bowling Green, through its Human Relations Commission, will work in support of a Welcome Bowling Green initiative to bolster the many efforts already in place and consider other ways to promote Bowling Green as a welcoming, safe, and inclusive city; and

SECTION 3: That in considering how to promote Bowling Green, all voices and perspectives be invited to participate including, but not limited to, those from business and economic development, local government, the justice system, social and health services, culture, arts, and education; and

