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
SECTION 4: That support for and engagement with the Bowling Green Police Division will continue including ongoing opportunities for dialogue related to policing for the community; and

SECTION 5: That a "Welcome Bowling Green Plan" will be developed based on a consensus derived from recommendations from the Human Relations Commission and the plan will act as a framework when considering future action, including provisions to make Bowling Green a welcoming, safe, and inclusive city.

SECTION 6: This resolution shall take effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

Passed: April 3, 2017

President of Council

Attas: [Signature]

Clerk of Council

Approved: April 4, 2017

Mayor

MICHAEL J. MARSH
CITY ATTORNEY

CERTIFICATION
This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Res. No. 367 passed by the Council of the City of Bowling Green, Ohio.

April 3, 2017

Clerk of City Council