

Resolution No. 120-17

FINAL-as approved by Council

**Council Members Kelley, Zone, Cleveland,
McCormack, Cummins, J. Johnson, and Conwell**

FOR ADOPTION
January 30, 2017

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Strongly objecting to the recent Presidential Executive Order temporarily banning entry into the United States for migrants from seven Muslim-majority countries and refugees from around the world and joining with all Americans who believe that the Executive Order is unlawful and un-American and further, declaring Cleveland, Ohio to be a "Welcoming City" and calling upon the people of Cleveland to join together to build a stronger, united community.

WHEREAS, on Friday January 27, 2017, the President of the United States issued an Executive Order banning entry into the U.S. for migrants and U.S. legal residents from Iraq, Iran, Sudan, Somalia, Syria, Libya and Yemen, and for migrants from across the globe; and

WHEREAS, the Executive order suspends the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program for a period of 120 days and limits the entry of refugees into the U.S. to 50,000 persons for 2017, when the United States historically has led the world in the resettlement of refugees, accepting on average more than 79,000 refugees per year for the last 42 years; and

WHEREAS, the U.N Refugee Agency reports that children under the age of 18 years old constitute 51% of refugee population in 2015; and

WHEREAS, this Executive Order is anathema to our shared values as a nation of immigrants, a nation that grants relief and safe haven to people from war-torn countries and from religious, ethnic and all other forms of persecution; and

WHEREAS, this ban enflames U.S. relations with Muslim-majority countries, indeed with all Muslims, and will surely make the United States less safe from acts of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, as in Cleveland, our success depends on making sure that all residents feel welcome; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland always has been and continues to be a welcoming city to everyone, including immigrants who contribute economically and culturally to making our city a better place; and

WHEREAS, immigrants and refugees are a vital part of this city: bringing fresh perspectives and new ideas; starting businesses; and contributing to Cleveland's treasured and vibrant diversity; and

WHEREAS, this Council honors the spirit of unity that brings neighbors together and makes our community the kind of place where diverse people from around the world feel valued and want to put down roots; and

WHEREAS, regardless of where we are born or what we look like, we are Cleveland residents united in our efforts to build a stronger community; and

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WHEREAS, this Council understands that by recognizing the contributions that all of us make to create a vibrant culture and a growing economy, we make our city, and our country, more prosperous and inclusive; and

WHEREAS, this Executive Order violates the principles of the U.S. Constitution; and these executive orders promote dangerous public policy, eroding the trust between public safety agencies and the communities they serve, which ultimately undermine safety in the city of Cleveland and across our country; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health, or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council strongly objects to the Presidential Executive Order temporarily banning entry into the United States for migrants from seven Muslim-majority countries and refugees from around the world and joins with all Americans who believe that the Executive Order is unlawful and un-American and further, this Council declares Cleveland, Ohio to be a “Welcoming City” and calls upon the people of Cleveland to join together to build a stronger, united community.

Section 2. That this Council strongly resolves that the City of Cleveland is under no obligation to be involved in federal immigration enforcement under protection of the Fourth and Tenth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution.

Section 3. That the Clerk of Council is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, Ohio Senators Rob Portman and Sherrod Brown, Joe Cimperman, President of Global Cleveland and to the National League of Cities.

Section 4. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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**REPORT
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