

RESOLUTION NO. 17-03

A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE CITY OF ASTORIA'S POLICY OF INCLUSIVITY

WHEREAS, the City of Astoria, Oregon from the earliest First Peoples, has continually prospered through the labor and imagination of immigrants – British, Russian and Canadian traders; the German-American John Jacob Astor whose expedition built the first American settlement here; the Finns, Norwegians, Swedes, Chinese, and now Latino communities who worked / work in the fishing and canning industry; and

WHEREAS, immigrants from all nations, as well as Native Americans, have made vital contributions, as neighbors and families, to the health, well-being, and general welfare of the City; and

WHEREAS, inclusion and integration of all residents is a matter of concern for the general welfare of the City; and

WHEREAS, discrimination based on national origin, race, ethnicity, or religion does not promote the health, well-being, and general welfare of the City; and

WHEREAS, all of our residents should be treated with compassion and respect regardless of national origin or citizenship status; and

WHEREAS, the power to exclude and deport immigrants is not a function of the City, and enforcement of laws and policies in this area is reserved exclusively to the federal government.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the City of Astoria embraces, celebrates, and welcomes its immigrant residents and recognizes the contributions they make to our collective prosperity; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT except as required by law, no City agency or employee shall use monies or equipment to detect or apprehend persons whose only violation involves a federal immigration law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT except as required by federal or State law, no City services or benefits of any kind shall be conditioned upon a resident's federal immigration status,

ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL THIS 6TH DAY OF MARCH 2017.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 6TH DAY OF MARCH 2017.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager

ROLL CALL ON ADOPTION	YEA	NAY	ABSENT
Councilor Nemlowill			
Brown			
Price			
Jones			
Mayor LaMear			