Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Lawrence, Kansas

- WHEREAS: The City of Lawrence has previously declared itself a "Welcoming City," recognizing that it is an inclusive community that values immigrants and the diversity they bring to Lawrence's cultural fabric, economic growth. and global competitiveness; and
- **WHEREAS:** The City of Lawrence continues its commitment to building a welcoming and neighborly atmosphere in our community, where all people, including immigrants, are welcome and accepted; and
- WHEREAS: City efforts and policies that promote the safety of all is crucial to individual and community success; and
- **WHEREAS:** Policies that negate opportunities for contributions to our community in the fullest capacity hinder Lawrence's prosperity and compromises our commitment to the American values here stated; and
- **WHEREAS:** Fostering a welcoming and safe environment for all individuals, regardless of race, ethnicity or place of origin, enhances the overall prosperity for *current and future generations.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Lawrence, Kansas, does hereby proclaim that the City of Lawrence, Kansas continues to be a "Welcoming City," and that it is an inclusive community that thrives on the diversity of backgrounds that inhabit it, and that the safety of all people should be protected regardless of their background, race, reliaion, or country of origin.

Leslie Soden, Mayor	
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