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TO: Kurt Hodgen, City Manager
FROM: Ande Banks, Deputy City Manager
DATE: August 31, 2017
RE: Resolution Recognizing Welcoming Week

Summary: Welcoming Week is an annual celebration and series of events that work to bring together immigrants, refugees, and native-born residents to raise awareness of the benefits of welcoming everyone. As part of the first full year of being a Welcoming American community, the City is working with organizations and citizens to create and raise awareness of events that promote opportunities for residents to come together and celebrate the stories of our families and our community.

Background: Harrisonburg joined Welcoming America in 2016 and since that time staff has worked with the newly formed Welcoming Harrisonburg Council to promote welcoming events and provide a platform for ensuring that our community: residents, non-profits, businesses and government all work together to ensure that all residents of Harrisonburg feel welcome.

Key Issues: N/A

Environmental Impact: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Prior Actions: N/A

Alternatives: (a) Approve and adopt resolution.
(b); or
(c) Do not approve resolution at this time.

Community Engagement: This resolution is the culmination of work with the Welcoming Harrisonburg Council and City staff.

Recommendation:

Attachments: Welcoming Week Resolution 2017

Review:

The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.