

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RIGHTS OF  
IMMIGRANTS, REFUGEES, AND ASYLEES**

WHEREAS, the City of Morgantown, West Virginia dedicates deliberate and continuous attention to the human relations and human rights of its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Morgantown is an Inclusive City which welcomes all people regardless of national origin, race, religion, sex, color, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, abilities, gender identity, economic status, or life situation; and

WHEREAS, Morgantown has a long history of safeguarding the right and opportunity of all persons to be free from all forms of discrimination and striving to be an inclusive community for all of our residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Morgantown promotes the public health and welfare of all persons who live, work in, or visit the City; and

WHEREAS, Morgantown seeks to ensure that all persons within the City have equal access to employment, housing and public accommodations; and

WHEREAS, denial of basic human rights to individuals is destructive to a free and democratic society; and

WHEREAS, the vision and diversity found in our Inclusive City brings forth richness in our community, a greater understanding of our world, a multitude of talent to benefit our collective needs, and an opportunity for enhanced living and learning for all; and

WHEREAS, Morgantown is proud of the contributions already being made to our community by immigrants, refugees, and asylees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Morgantown welcomes and supports immigrants, refugees, and asylees regardless of national origin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Morgantown opposes allowing fear and anger to dictate laws and policies, and urges the avoidance of sentiments that turn us against our noblest traditions of inclusion, equality and cultural growth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Morgantown urges everyone to treat each other with civility and encourages all people living in, working in, doing business in, or visiting Morgantown to foster inclusiveness, embrace equality and appreciate our rich cultural diversity and work to encourage its development; and

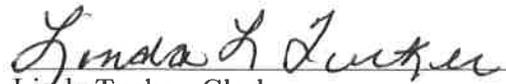
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Morgantown adopts this resolution to recognize the contributions of immigrants, refugees, and asylees, to protect their rights, and to reaffirm the commitment of our city to the welcoming principles of inclusiveness upon which we were founded.

Adopted this 2nd day of May, 2017.



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Marti Shamberger, Mayor  
City of Morgantown



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Linda Tucker, Clerk  
City of Morgantown