

**Resolution No. 14-18**

**A RESOLUTION WELCOMING CITIZENS RELOCATING FROM PUERTO RICO**

*WHEREAS*, Citizens of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico are also citizens of the United States of America; and

*WHEREAS*, Hurricane Maria devastated the island of Puerto Rico in September 2017 causing an estimated 3000 deaths; and

*WHEREAS*, The aftermath of Hurricane Maria is a year later still disrupting the lives of the people of Puerto Rico;

*WHEREAS*, More than 100,000 Puerto Rican citizens have relocated to the United States due, in part, to the inadequate United States Government response to Hurricane Maria; and

*WHEREAS*, The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana passed a Resolution in March 2017 declaring West Lafayette a Machaseh (refuge) for immigrants

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* by the Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana that West Lafayette declares itself to be a place of welcome for citizens of Puerto Rico who are seeking to relocate to the state of Indiana.

*FURTHERMORE*, the Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana calls upon the employees of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana to render every possible assistance to citizens relocating from Puerto Rico consistent with their assigned duties as employees of the City of West Lafayette.

INTRODUCED ON FIRST READING ON THE 5 DAY OF November, 2018.

MOTION TO ADOPT MADE BY COUNCILOR Keen, AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DeBoer.


DULY RESOLVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA, ON THE 5 DAY OF November, 2018, HAVING BEEN PASSED BY A VOTE OF 5 IN FAVOR AND 4 OPPOSED, THE ROLL CALL VOTE BEING:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
DeBoer	✓			
Dietrich		✓		
Jones		✓		
Keen		✓		
Leverenz	✓			
Sanders	✓			

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Thomas	✓			
Wang		✓		

  
 Peter Bunder, Presiding Officer

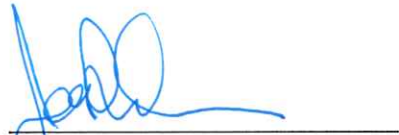
Attest:

  
 Sana G. Booker, Clerk

PRESENTED BY ME TO THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA  
 ON THE 7 DAY OF November, 2018.

  
 Sana G. Booker, Clerk

THIS RESOLUTION APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME ON THE 7 DAY OF  
November, 2018.

  
 John R. Dennis, Mayor

Attest:

  
 Sana G. Booker, Clerk