



## Legislation Text

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Council Members Melden and Morris

**Recognizing the month of June 2021 as “Immigrant Heritage Month” to celebrate and take pride in the immigrant heritage of Lucas County.**

WHEREAS, Immigrant Heritage Month is celebrated nationally during the month of June to recognize the diverse heritage and contributions of generations of immigrants from every corner of our world who have called the United States home; and

WHEREAS, Welcome Toledo-Lucas County (TLC), an initiative in partnership with the Board of Lucas County Commissioners and Toledo LISC, and housed at the Toledo Lucas County Public Library, is proud to celebrate June as Immigrant Heritage Month with a network of local and regional partners, and in collaboration with national partner, Fwd.us; and

WHEREAS, a long history of immigration to the region contributes not only to our unique and diverse social fabric, but to a competitive workforce and resilient economy. While Lucas County’s current immigrant population is 3.4 percent, the make-up of foreign-born residents was 19 percent in 1910. However, the local immigrant population is rebounding as the county’s foreign-born population increased more than 9 percent from 2000 to 2013, offsetting a loss in the general population; and

WHEREAS, since 2016, Welcome Toledo-Lucas County (TLC) has annually celebrated Immigrant Heritage Month, held in June and organized by Forward.us to give people across the United States an opportunity to explore their own heritage and celebrate the shared diversity of America; and

WHEREAS, this year’s message from Fwd.us, their national partner: We’re taking particular care to lift up the contributions of immigrants of all backgrounds serving in essential frontline roles to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, and historically in times of crisis throughout our country’s history. Right now, millions of individuals with immigrant backgrounds are working tirelessly to keep our communities healthy and safe. Officially recognizing June 2021 as Immigrant Heritage Month is a powerful way to show your support and appreciation of immigrants in your community and take part in a unique celebration of diversity; and

WHEREAS, Welcome TLC and Toledo City Council are proud of the region’s long and rich immigrant heritage, and are encouraging residents to share their immigrant heritage stories, while joining the national celebration for Immigrant Heritage Month; NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That Toledo City Council hereby recognizes the month of June 2021 as “Immigrant Heritage Month” and celebrates the immigrant heritage of the Toledo-Lucas County region.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period

allowed by law.

Adopted: June 8, 2021: yeas 11, nays 0.

Attest:

Gerald E. Dendinger  
Clerk of Council

Cerssandra McPherson  
President Pro Temore of Council

Approved:

June 8, 2021  
Wade Kapszukiewicz  
Mayor