



## Legislation Text

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Council Member Melden

**A resolution recognizing the month of June 2020 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, Welcome TLC transitioned the initiative’s leadership to the Toledo Lucas County Public Library and created a full-time Welcome TLC Librarian position that engages with the steering committee’s diverse network of partners, furthering its commitment to building a welcoming and inclusive community for immigrants, refugees, and people of diverse cultures; and

WHEREAS, at the end of June, the Toledo-Lucas county community is invited to an author attended, virtual book discussion, hosted by the Library to foster a sharing of immigrant heritage journeys from its members; and

WHEREAS, Welcome TLC is sharing local immigrant heritage stories for the fifth year. This year, due to the Coronavirus/Covid-19 pandemic, healthcare workers who are local immigrants or descendants of immigrants, will reflect on their professional journey, immigrant heritage, and connection to Toledo-sharing their stories with the wider community; 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 2020 as “National 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: \_\_\_\_\_: yeas \_\_\_\_\_, nays \_\_\_\_\_.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of Council

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council