Macomb County
Welcoming Proclamation

This proclamation affirms that Macomb County, Michigan is a welcoming community and respects the innate dignity of all people.

Whereas, Macomb County remembers, honors, and values our immigrant and migrant roots, and embraces the values of family, faith, and hard work; and.

Whereas, the Welcoming Macomb initiative aims to build cooperation, respect, and compassion among all in our community, including immigrants and non-immigrants alike; endeavors to create an atmosphere which immigrants and refugees have increased opportunities to integrate into the social fabric of their adopted hometowns; and seeks to embrace diversity while retaining unique cultural identities; and.

Whereas, Macomb County has long been recognized as a welcoming place, where people, families, and institutions thrive and the contributions of all are celebrated and valued; and.

Whereas, residents of Macomb County live up to our highest American values of acceptance and equality, and treat newcomers with decency and respect, creating a vibrant community for all to live in; and.

Whereas, Macomb County is committed to building a neighborly and welcoming atmosphere in our community, where all are welcome, accepted and appreciated and urge residents and stakeholders of Macomb County to join the efforts and spirit of the Welcoming Michigan initiative.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that I, Mark A. Hackel, Macomb County Executive, Macomb County, Michigan on this 16th day of September 2013 do hereby proclaim Macomb County as a place where all foreign-born and native-born Americans can live, work, and play together; share in each other's customs and ideals, and appreciate and promote cultural diversity.

Mark A. Hackel, County Executive
Commitment to Participate in the Welcoming Counties Project

Macomb County recognizes that communities that proactively welcome newcomers and take steps to ensure their successful integration will be strategically positioned as globally competitive, 21st century leaders.

We, therefore resolve to participate in the Welcoming Counties Project, and commit to taking the following initial steps toward creating an environment that is receptive to immigrants and that unlocks the full potential of all members of the community:

- Advance a municipal declaration of our county being a welcoming one
- Find ways to institutionalize welcoming efforts through the adoption of practices that promote inclusion with local government and the broader community
- Join a cohort of communities that have pledged to become more welcoming
- Appoint at least one key municipal staff contact for the project
- Participate in three conferences calls each year to share and learn from promising practices from other Welcoming Cities/Counties
- Participate in an annual in-person meeting with other Welcoming Cities

Sincerely,

Mark A. Hackel
County Executive

COMMUNITY NAME: MACOMB COUNTY
AGENCY: EXECUTIVE OFFICE
REPRESENTATIVE NAME: PAM LAVERS
DATE: 6/19/13