



RESOLUTION

A Resolution to Recognize Human Rights in Virginia Beach

WHEREAS: the City of Virginia Beach recognizes its rich history and our indigenous heritage populations,

WHEREAS: the first immigrants to our nation landed on the shores of Virginia Beach in 1607, and our City is proud of its historic heritage;

WHEREAS: the City of Virginia Beach appreciates that our nation was founded by immigrants, some who came here voluntarily and some who were brought here against their will;

WHEREAS: immigrants have made important contributions to our nation's culture and our City's diversity, and constitute an important part of our community;

WHEREAS: the City of Virginia Beach has historically supported policies that prohibit discrimination based on race, color, ethnicity, sex, age, marital status, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, and disability;

WHEREAS: the military is our City's largest employer, and the diversity of the military has contributed richly to the diversity of our community;

WHEREAS: tourism is an important part of Virginia Beach's economy, and is made possible by the City's acceptance of all cultures and diverse backgrounds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Virginia Beach City Council hereby recognizes that in light of these and future contributions, the City of Virginia Beach strives to continue to provide an environment that is welcoming and protects the human rights of all in our community.

Given under our hands and seals this 7th day of December, 2010.

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