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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, fostering a welcoming environment for all individuals, regardless of race, ethnicity or place of origin, enhances the City of Decatur’s cultural fabric; economic growth, global competitiveness and overall prosperity for current and future generations; and,

WHEREAS, Decatur has long been recognized as a hospitable and welcoming place where people, families and institutions thrive and the contributions of all are celebrated and valued; and,

WHEREAS, Decatur is committed to continue building a welcoming and neighborly atmosphere in our community, where all people are welcome, accepted and integrated; and,

WHEREAS, community efforts that promote understanding and collaboration between long-time residents and foreign-born community members are crucial to ensuring a welcoming environment; and,

WHEREAS, Decatur encourages businesses, civic groups, other government agencies and community institutions and residents to join in a community-wide effort to expand prosperity and inclusion for all residents; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Decatur wishes to join the Welcoming Cities and Counties initiative led by Welcoming America to share good ideas, develop new tools, and receive recognition for efforts to create more welcoming communities that improve the quality of life and economic potential for all residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved, by the City Commission of the City of Decatur, Georgia, that the City of Decatur is now officially designated as a Welcoming City as part of the Welcoming America initiative.

This 2nd day of March, 2015.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk