PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Supporting a vision in which all people, including immigrants, refugees and New Americans have the opportunity to reach their greatest potential, engage with their community and fully contribute their talents is fundamental to the future of Fargo and expands prosperity and well-being for all; and

WHEREAS, The voices of both newcomers and receiving community members are critical to defining a welcoming agenda; and

WHEREAS, Working together builds greater understanding, particularly among people who may have concerns about or are unaware of the changing demographics of their community; and

WHEREAS, People of all backgrounds have unique talents that can make our community vibrant, and welcoming efforts should be as inclusive as possible to all groups; and

WHEREAS, Better decisions are reached when multiple backgrounds and perspectives are meaningfully engaged and an equitable and collaborative environment in which differences are embraced and harnessed achieves the best results; and

WHEREAS, We must work together to build greater understanding, particularly among people who may have concerns about or are unaware of the changing demographics of their community; and

WHEREAS, Leaders can play a catalytic role by recognizing, rewarding and investing in community partners who are essential to building our community's capacity for this work; and

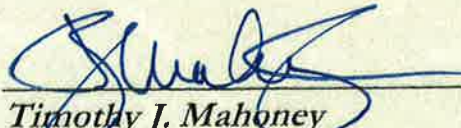**WHEREAS**, It is important to value and recognize multisector collaboration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That I, Timothy J. Mahoney, Mayor of the City of Fargo, do hereby proclaim September 16 - 25, 2016 to be

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in the City of Fargo, North Dakota and encourage all residents to celebrate the spirit of welcoming and coming together to build a community where every resident has the opportunity to contribute his or her best.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fargo, North Dakota to be affixed this 12th day of August, 2016.

Timothy J. Mahoney
Mayor
Fargo, North Dakota