

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, County of Summit, and State of Ohio, that:

CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO

RESOLUTION 5 - 2023

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF A WELCOMING WORKFORCE COALITION IN THE CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, it is predicted that by the year 2030, there will be a national labor shortage of 80.1 million jobs due to retirement, career change, and individuals choosing to leave the labor market; and

WHEREAS, the United States is experiencing a decline in population growth that will make it difficult to fill these predicted labor shortages; and

WHEREAS, the Fund for our Economic Future has predicted that Northeast Ohio will experience a labor shortage that is 13% higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, international newcomers have and will continue to be the main source of population growth across the country and throughout the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cuyahoga Falls recognizes the importance of attracting and retaining international newcomers to its community and creating a strategic plan to provide them with the resources and support necessary to become engaged members of its local workforce; and

WHEREAS, Council previously authorized funding for the City of Cuyahoga Falls to hire Rise Together, LLC as a consultant to develop a creative strategic plan to address the City's workforce issues; and

WHEREAS, as a result and with the consultant's assistance, the City of Cuyahoga Falls has developed a Welcoming Workforce Coalition comprised of business leaders, elected officials, faith community members, international newcomers, nonprofit organizations, and young professionals that will develop the strategic plan that will both create a sense of belonging for its international newcomer population and propose systematic changes to the workforce designed to attract and retain international newcomers.

<u>Section 1.</u> Council hereby declares its support for the development of a Welcoming Workforce Coalition in the City of Cuyahoga Falls to address the necessary systematic changes needed to attract and retain international newcomers to its community and workforce.

Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council and concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, to the extent applicable, including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances.

<u>Section 3.</u> This resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Cuyahoga Falls and the inhabitants thereof, and provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: <u>5-22-2023</u>

President of Council

Clerk of Council

 Approved: 5-23-202

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