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To recognize and celebrate the month of June 2017 as Immigrant Heritage Month

**WHEREAS**, immigration has been an integral component of the growth and success for the United States of America, the State of Ohio, and the City of Columbus since their founding; and

**WHEREAS**, immigrants contribute cultural richness to the City of Columbus and are active participants in the economy and subsequent successes and prosperity of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, immigrants represent nearly a quarter of the population growth in the City of Columbus. They have a higher rate of entrepreneurship and business ownership than the overall population, and make substantial contributions to the economy including contributing \$258 million in state and local tax dollars and \$2 billion dollars in spending and consumption, or approximately 5.3 percent of the total spending power in Columbus; and

**WHEREAS**, Immigration boosts housing values in communities. According to the Americas Society/Council of the Americas, the value added by immigration to the price of the average home was \$4,295 in Franklin County; and

**WHEREAS**, Columbus is proud of its history of welcoming and accepting all groups of people, exemplified by its New American Initiative, which provides a comprehensive strategy to give equal opportunity to all refugees and immigrants and allows them to become responsible, productive residents of Columbus; and

**WHEREAS**, Columbus will continue to support immigrant families and the businesses that they run. Columbus is a welcoming and inclusive city and stands as a pillar of acceptance throughout the United States; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** That this Council does hereby recognize the month of June 2017 as “Immigrant Heritage Month”.