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To honor, recognize and celebrate Welcoming Week 2023 in Columbus, Ohio and to welcome Little Amal to our community on Friday, September 22, 2023.

WHEREAS, Welcoming Week 2023, which takes place September 8th through 17th, celebrates the growing movement of communities that fully embrace immigrants and their contributions to the social fabric of our country. This year’s theme is surrounding “The Walk” with Little Amal; and

WHEREAS, Welcoming Week is an annual celebration bringing together thousands of people and a series of local events that celebrate the contributions of immigrants, refugees and new Americans, and the role our communities play in fostering a greater welcome; and

WHEREAS, efforts that promote understanding and collaboration between all members of our community are crucial in encouraging and preserving the welcoming and inclusive environment of Columbus, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Columbus is excited to host Little Amal’s “The Walk” on Friday, September 22nd, 2023. Little Amal is the 12 foot puppet of a 10 year old Syrian refugee child at the heart of “The Walk.” She has become a global symbol of human rights, especially those of refugees. Between September 7 and November 5, 2023, Little Amal will journey 6,000 miles across the United States. More than 35 towns and cities from Boston to San Diego and 1,000+ artists and arts organizations will create 100+ free public events to welcome her; and

WHEREAS, Columbus City Council thanks CAPA, Welcoming City, US Together, and other partners for their work in creating a welcoming space for Little Amal to visit our community and celebrate our diversity and welcoming in Columbus; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby honor, recognize and celebrate Welcoming Week from September 8-17, 2023 and encourages members of our community to attend the “The Walk” with Little Amal on Friday, September 22, 2023.