

## RESOLUTION NO. 2017-06

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, AFFIRMING THE CITY'S LONG-STANDING COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY AND SAFEGUARDING THE CIVIL RIGHTS, SAFETY AND DIGNITY OF ALL PEOPLE**

**WHEREAS**, the Claremont City Council continues to recognize the importance of promoting an atmosphere of acceptance and respect in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1996 the City established the Committee on Human Relations to promote improved human relations, civic peace, intergroup understanding, and the full acceptance of all persons in all aspects of community life; to actively promote a just and equitable intercultural society that fosters positive human relations; and to reduce and eventually eliminate intergroup violence, conflict, and tension, as well as discrimination, prejudice and stereotyping based on race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, or any other arbitrary factor; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been a growing sense of uncertainty and fear among some people living in Claremont, the State of California, and across the Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Claremont wishes to assure the people of vulnerable groups that the City will do all it can to maintain their safety and improve their quality of life, and will not tolerate acts of hate, discrimination, bullying or harassment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Claremont is made up of diverse individuals, both native born and immigrants whose collective cultures, religions, backgrounds, orientations, abilities, and viewpoints join to form a highly pluralistic community which prides itself on being a place which welcomes persons and families of all walks of life; and

**WHEREAS**, many children who are native to the United States or are undocumented immigrants have been separated from their families by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency due to their parents' or their personal immigration status; and

**WHEREAS**, the Claremont City Council in partnership with our local colleges, supports college and university presidents, including the presidents of Claremont McKenna College, Harvey Mudd College, Pitzer College, Pomona College, Scripps College, and at least three hundred others across the country

who are speaking out against harassment, hate and acts of violence, who in some cases have designated their campuses as sanctuaries, and who are calling for the continuation of the government's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the law and with City standard operating procedures, the Claremont Police Department does not conduct immigration enforcement raids, and does not question, detain or arrest individuals solely on the basis of their violating federal civil immigration laws; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Claremont recognizes that federal civil immigration law is the sole responsibility of the federal government; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the law and with City standard operating procedures, the Claremont Police Department does provide proactive, effective, and professional law enforcement services for our community to keep all of our residents safe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Claremont City Council wishes to declare that Claremont is a safe place for all people.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The Claremont City Council calls upon all City residents and all City Departments and employees to speak out against acts of bullying, discrimination, hate and violence, and to stand up for those who may be the subject of targeted acts.

**SECTION 2.** The Claremont City Council calls upon all City residents and City Departments and employees to work to create a just and equitable intercultural society that fosters positive human relations; and to reduce and eventually eliminate intergroup violence, conflict, tension, discrimination, prejudice, and stereotyping based on race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, or any other arbitrary factor.

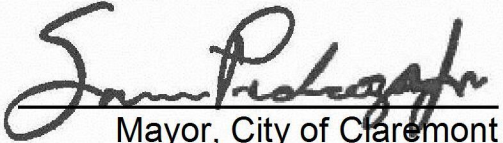
**SECTION 3.** City of Claremont officials, including its law enforcement officers, will continue the practice of not enforcing federal immigration law which is the exclusive authority of the federal government.

**SECTION 4.** City of Claremont officials, including its law enforcement officers, will continue the practice of taking no direct action against an individual solely because of his or her immigration status.

**SECTION 5.** Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed or implemented to conflict with any obligation imposed by federal law.

**SECTION 6.** The Mayor shall sign and the City Clerk Shall attest to the passage of this Resolution.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this 24th day of January, 2017.



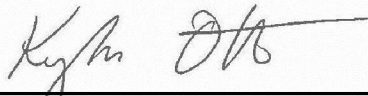
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Mayor, City of Claremont

ATTEST:



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City Clerk, City of Claremont

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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City Attorney, City of Claremont

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES    )ss.  
CITY OF CLAREMONT            )

I, Shelley Desautels, City Clerk of the City of Claremont, County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2017-06 was regularly adopted by the City Council of said City of Claremont at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:                    COUNCILMEMBERS:   LYONS, PEDROZA, SCHROEDER

NOES:                   COUNCILMEMBERS:   NASIALI

ABSTENSIONS:        COUNCILMEMBERS:   CALAYCAY

ABSENT:                COUNCILMEMBERS:   NONE

  
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City Clerk of the City of Claremont