

[Home](#) / [Browse Council Documents](#)

## 749-2022

Proclamation

### Proclaim September 9-18, 2022 to be Welcoming Week

Placed on File

Whereas, the City of Portland recognizes immigrants and refugees contribute to a culturally vibrant, prosperous, and multicultural community; and

Whereas, regardless of where we are born or how we identify, we are Portlanders and our lives are interdependent. By fostering a welcoming environment for all—regardless of immigration status, race, ethnicity, place of origin, English language proficiency, religion, income, gender, sexual orientation, differing abilities, age, and other factors—we enhance Portland's health, economic prosperity, and well-being for current and future generations; and

Whereas, on June 17, 2020, all City of Portland Commissioners voted to approve a resolution that created a strict no-tolerance policy for racism, discrimination, and bias in the workplace, and continues to encourage all City employees and services to operate with the values of anti-racism, equity, collaboration, communication, fiscal responsibility, and transparency; and

Whereas, Portland's spirit of unity, safety, and belonging begins with us, and we must continue to act like a sanctuary city, where everyone feels valued and safe; and

Whereas, all Portlanders and Portland institutions must commit to helping immigrant and refugees communities, beyond this proclamation, and make Portland a welcoming place to all; and

Whereas, in the last year, the City of Portland has received several thousand Afghan and Ukrainian parolees and will continue to see our refugee, asylum seeker and other immigrant communities continue to grow; and

Whereas, Portland is a member of Welcoming America, a national nonprofit, and a network of local governments and nonprofits around the nation and world, to pledge to become a welcoming place for new and long-term residents alike; and

Whereas, the City of Portland is once again leading the way by hosting Welcoming Week for the second year with the theme "Where We Belong".

#### Introduced by

[Mayor Ted Wheeler](#);

[Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty](#).

#### Bureau

[Office of Community & Civic Life](#)

#### Contact

##### Mariya Klimenko

Immigrant & Refugee Program  
Coordinator

✉ [Mariya.Klimenko@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Mariya.Klimenko@portlandoregon.gov)

##### Ness Zolan

Director of Legislation &  
Creative Economy Advisor

✉ [ness.zolan@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:ness.zolan@portlandoregon.gov)

📞 [503-865-6780](tel:503-865-6780)

#### Requested Agenda Type

Time Certain

Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the “City of Roses,” do hereby proclaim September 9th, 2022 through September 18th, 2022 to be Welcoming Week in Portland and do further declare the City of Portland, Oregon to be a community that welcomes all.

## Documents and Exhibits

 [Proclamation](#) (124.64 Kb)

## Budget Office Financial Impact Analysis

No fiscal impact

## Agenda Items

749 Time Certain in [September 7, 2022 Council Agenda](#)

Placed on File

# Whereas

*Whereas,* the City of Portland recognizes immigrants and refugees contribute to a culturally vibrant, prosperous, and multicultural community; and

*Whereas,* regardless of where we are born or how we identify, we are Portlanders and our lives are interdependent. By fostering a welcoming environment for all—regardless of immigration status, race, ethnicity, place of origin, English language proficiency, religion, income, gender, sexual orientation, differing abilities, age, and other factors—we enhance Portland’s health, economic prosperity, and well-being for current and future generations; and

*Whereas,* on June 17, 2020, all City of Portland Commissioners voted to approve a resolution that created a strict no-tolerance policy for racism, discrimination, and bias in the workplace, and continues to encourage all City employees and services to operate with the values of anti-racism, equity, collaboration, communication, fiscal responsibility, and transparency; and

*Whereas,* Portland’s spirit of unity, safety, and belonging begins with us, and we must continue to act like a sanctuary city, where everyone feels valued and safe; and

*Whereas,* all Portlanders and Portland institutions must commit to helping immigrant and refugees communities, beyond this proclamation, and make Portland a welcoming place to all; and

*Whereas,* in the last year, the City of Portland has received several thousand Afghan and Ukrainian parolees and will continue to see our refugee, asylum seeker and other immigrant communities continue to grow; and

*Whereas,* Portland is a member of Welcoming America, a national nonprofit, and a network of local governments and nonprofits around the nation and world, to pledge to become a welcoming place for new and long-term residents alike; and

*Whereas,* the City of Portland is once again leading the way by hosting Welcoming Week for the second year with the theme “Where We Belong”.

*Now, therefore,* I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the “City of Roses,” do hereby proclaim September 9th, 2022 through September 18th, 2022 to be

## *Welcoming Week*

in Portland and do further declare the City of Portland, Oregon to be a community that welcomes all.