

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORLANDO,**
2 **FLORIDA, RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY; PROVIDING FINDINGS, FOR**
3 **SEVERABILITY; CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERRORS AND AN**
4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.**
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6 **WHEREAS,** immigrants and refugees are a vital part of the civic, economic, and social life
7 of the City of Orlando. Orlando is one of the most diverse, inclusive, and fastest growing cities in
8 the United States; and

9 **WHEREAS,** The City of Orlando is an ethnically, racially, and religiously diverse city and
10 has long derived its strength and prosperity from its diverse community, including those who
11 identify as immigrants, and prides itself on their achievements; and

12 **WHEREAS,** the cooperation of all persons, both documented citizens and those without
13 documentation status, is essential to achieve the City's goals of protecting life and property,
14 preventing crime, and resolving problems; and

15 **WHEREAS,** assistance from a person, whether documented or not, who is a victim of, or a
16 witness to, a crime is important to promoting the safety of all its residents. The cooperation of the
17 City's immigrant communities is essential to prevent and solve crimes and maintain public order,
18 safety, and security in the entire City;

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20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY**
21 **OF ORLANDO, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**
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23 **SECTION ONE.** It is critical to the safety of everyone in the City of Orlando that all
24 individuals, regardless of immigration status, are freely able to cooperate with the Orlando Police
25 Department, to be protected by officers of that department, and to receive access to all services
26 provided by the City of Orlando.
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28 **SECTION TWO.** To that end, no law-abiding individual will be routinely requested to
29 provide their immigration status during any investigation by the Orlando Police Department. This
30 applies to crime victims, witnesses, reporters, non-criminal traffic offenders, and others who have
31 routine contact with an Orlando Police Officer.
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33 **SECTION THREE.** In furtherance of the U.S. Victims of Trafficking and Violence
34 Preventive Act, the City of Orlando Police Department shall consider and sign a U Visa
35 certification request if an individual is (i) the victim of a qualifying crime, and (ii) has been, is
36 being, or will likely be helpful in the direction, investigation, or prosecution of that crime.
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38 **SECTION FOUR.** The City of Orlando recognizes that policy making and enforcement
39 authority over immigration issues vests solely in the federal government of the United States of
40 America.
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SECTION FIVE. The City of Orlando is fully committed to complying with the U.S. Constitution, federal and state statutes, and laws regarding all matters, including immigration enforcement.

SECTION SIX. The City of Orlando does not operate any detention facilities. Therefore, no person's detention therein could, nor will be extended by the Orlando Police Department based solely on that person's immigration status, unless otherwise required by law.

SECTION SEVEN. The City of Orlando and the Orlando Police Department will adhere to these requirements and any violations will be addressed in accordance with the applicable policies and procedures governing discipline.

SECTION EIGHT. The City Attorney may correct scrivener's errors found in this resolution by filing a corrected copy of this resolution with the City Clerk.

SECTION NINE. If any provision of this resolution or its application to any person or circumstance becomes contrary to any state or federal law or is held invalid by a court, other provisions or applications of this resolution will remain in effect, and to this end the provisions of this resolution are severable.

SECTION TEN. This resolution takes effect immediately upon passage.

ADOPTED on the _____ day of _____, 2018.

CITY OF ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Buddy Dyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Denise Aldridge, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
For the use and reliance of the
City of Orlando, Florida, only.

_____ day of _____, 2018.

City Attorney/Assistant City Attorney
Orlando, Florida

Printed Name