



Resolution 2017-01

A Resolution of the Town of Edmonston Concerning the Treatment of All Edmonston Residents Equally, with Dignity, and Without Regard to Race, Ethnicity, National Origin, Immigration Status, or Religion

For the purpose of expressing the Town Council's support for the importance of diversity, inclusiveness, and human rights in the Town of Edmonston, Prince George's County, and the State of Maryland.

WHEREAS, the United States of America was founded by those seeking to escape tyranny, secure for themselves and their posterity individual freedom, and a better future;

WHEREAS, millions of Americans can proudly trace their ancestry back to immigrants or refugees from other nations, and routinely celebrate the history, customs, and traditions of those lands;

WHEREAS, throughout history the United States has welcomed wave after wave of immigrants and refugees who add enormous value to the economic and cultural life of our nation;

WHEREAS, the current national climate is seeking to minimize the importance of our history of diverse cultures that have been the fabric of our American society;

WHEREAS, the Town of Edmonston has residents and visitors from all over the world;

WHEREAS, The Town of Edmonston continues to work toward a more inclusive society and welcomes cultural, ethnic, and religious diversity;

WHEREAS, the Town of Edmonston values the many different cultures, religions and traditions our residents embrace;

WHEREAS, the population of Edmonston is 1,488, many of whom arrived here from other countries and who share the same American values and freedoms that we all cherish;

WHEREAS, the Town of Edmonston has been enriched by the contributions of generations of people from around the world;

WHEREAS, Edmonston's diversity is one of our greatest strengths and our immigrant community is an integral part of our identity;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of Edmonston, Maryland, that the Town continues to welcome all people regardless of Race, Ethnicity, National Origin, Immigration Status, or Religion;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town expresses its belief in the importance and necessity of diversity, respect and inclusiveness in all manner of Town business, community activities, and law enforcement actions so that our residents may have a safe place to work, study and raise a family;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town encourages our residents to continue to celebrate the cultural, ethnic, and religious diversity that is represented in our Town and for the Town and its residents to take extra efforts to ensure the safety of our neighbors who may be targets for discrimination;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town does not tolerate hate speech and violent acts committed against our citizens due to their actual or perceived race, ethnicity, immigration status, or religion;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town's law enforcement will continue to treat all citizens equally, regardless of Race, Ethnicity, National Origin, Immigration Status, or Religion and will not inquire about immigration status of individuals who come in to contact with law enforcement or engage in other conduct that raises the spectre of discrimination or unequal treatment; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Maryland Governor Lawrence Hogan, Maryland Congressional Delegation, District 22 Delegation, and Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Town Council of Edmonston at a regular meeting on the 8th day of March, 2017.

EFFECTIVE on the 8th day of March by order of the Mayor and Council, I hereby certify that Resolution Number 2017-01 is true and correct and duly adopted by the Mayor and Town Council of Edmonston.

ATTEST

MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF
EDMONSTON

Shantay Dabney, Town Clerk

Tracy R. Gant, Mayor