

WELCOMING STOCKBRIDGE DIVERSITY  
RESOLUTION NO. R18-907

Resolution affirming Stockbridge as a Welcoming City that respects the innate dignity of all people.

WHEREAS, fostering a welcoming environment for all individuals, regardless of race, ethnicity or place of origin, enhances Stockbridge's cultural fabric, economic growth, global competitiveness and overall prosperity for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Stockbridge has long been recognized as a hospitable and welcoming place where people, families and institutions thrive and the contributions of all are celebrated and valued; and

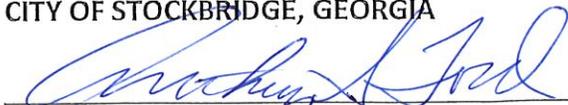
WHEREAS, Stockbridge is committed to continue to embrace diversity, build a welcoming and neighborly atmosphere in our community, where all are welcome, accepted and integrated; and

WHEREAS, Community efforts that promote understanding and collaboration between our native-born and foreign-born community members are crucial in encouraging and preserving Stockbridge's Welcoming environment; and

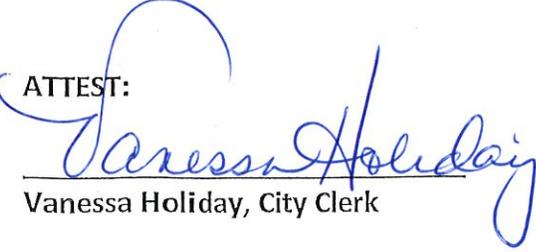
WHEREAS, Stockbridge encourages the business leadership, civic groups, other government agencies and community institutions to undertake their own initiatives, beyond this resolution to make Stockbridge not only a welcoming place for new residents from other countries but also a center of world commerce.

Now, Therefore, I, Anthony S. Ford, Mayor of Stockbridge, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of Stockbridge and Georgia, along with Council Members Elton Alexander, John Blount, LaKeisha Gantt, Neat Robinson, and Alphonso Thomas do hereby recognize on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018, this Welcoming Stockbridge Initiative as helping to unite our community and ensure that all are welcome here. We urge all residents of Stockbridge to do their part in reaching out to and welcoming all who live, work, play and visit in our City.

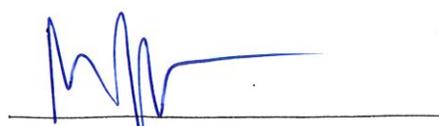
CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE, GEORGIA

  
Anthony S. Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Michael Williams, City Attorney