



Staff Report

For City Council Meeting - 03/01/2017

Subject - Resolution declaring Gearhart a Welcoming City

Synopsis: Councilor Lorain read a draft for a resolution at the February council meeting. The resolution is attached. Council directed staff to bring the resolution in final draft for the March city council meeting.

Council Options: The Council has the following options regarding this issue.

- 1) Motion to make the resolution.
- 2) Take other action desired by the Council.
- 3) Do nothing.

Recommendation:

Legal Analysis:

Financial Analysis: None

Respectfully submitted,

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Chad

RESOLUTION NO. 933

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE GEARHART A WELCOMING CITY AND AFFIRM GEARHART'S SUPPORT FOR OTHER CITIES AND COUNTIES IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST WHO HAVE DECLARED THEMSELVES SANCTUARY CITIES

WHEREAS, Gearhart embraces its proud tradition of welcoming all people, regardless of gender, national or ethnic origin, religion, race, sexual orientation or language;

WHEREAS, Gearhart believes that the principle that all individuals are equally entitled to human rights without discrimination is a non-partisan, core value of the City and our Country.

WHEREAS, Gearhart is committed to modeling this core value of non-discrimination by fostering a welcoming community for all people, regardless of gender, national or ethnic origin, religion, race, sexual orientation or language;

WHEREAS, Gearhart believes that celebration and respect for the diversity of all human beings is a non-partisan issue that creates a welcoming atmosphere where individuals, families, neighborhoods and businesses can flourish;

WHEREAS, Gearhart finds that supporting a community and regional environment that celebrates and welcomes diversity enhances the region's' cultural and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, Gearhart encourages business groups, civic groups, other government agencies and residents to join in a community and region-wide effort to support the economic and cultural benefits that come from celebrating diversity.

NOW THEREFORE, the Gearhart City Council resolves as follows:

The City of Gearhart declares that Gearhart welcomes all people, regardless of gender, national or ethnic origin, religion, race, sexual orientation or language, and commits to promote the diversity of Gearhart through local policies, services and practices. Gearhart further declares its support for other cities in the Pacific Northwest who have declared themselves Sanctuary Cities and who also encourage and promote the core value that all individuals are equally entitled to human rights without discrimination.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Gearhart this ____day of March 2017

Mayor Matt Brown

Chad Sweet, City Administrator