

Resolution No. 14-18

A RESOLUTION WELCOMING CITIZENS RELOCATING FROM PUERTO RICO

WHEREAS, Citizens of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico are also citizens of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Maria devastated the island of Puerto Rico in September 2017 causing an estimated 3000 deaths; and

WHEREAS, The aftermath of Hurricane Maria is a year later still disrupting the lives of the people of Puerto Rico;

WHEREAS, More than 100,000 Puerto Rican citizens have relocated to the United States due, in part, to the inadequate United States Government response to Hurricane Maria; and

WHEREAS, The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana passed a Resolution in March 2017 declaring West Lafayette a Machaseh (refuge) for immigrants

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana that West Lafayette declares itself to be a place of welcome for citizens of Puerto Rico who are seeking to relocate to the state of Indiana.

FURTHERMORE, the Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana calls upon the employees of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana to render every possible assistance to citizens relocating from Puerto Rico consistent with their assigned duties as employees of the City of West Lafayette.