



## ***PROCLAMATION***

***WHEREAS:*** *America is a nation of immigrants, and wave after wave of immigrants seeking a better life have built our nation and brought significant social, economic, and cultural benefits to communities nationwide; AND*

***WHEREAS:*** *Immigrants enrich our culture, increase our productivity and innovation, and bolster our economy; AND*

***WHEREAS:*** *Municipal leaders in cities and towns across Massachusetts foster welcoming and safe communities for all their residents, regardless of who they are or where they come from; AND*

***WHEREAS:*** *Municipal officials across America have called on the federal government to enact comprehensive immigration reform and enforce the nation's immigration laws in a humane manner that does not disrupt the lives of residents. In the absence of federal immigration reform, cities and towns seek to work together to pursue strategies that protect and secure all their residents while ensuring that local law enforcement is focused on community policing; AND*

***WHEREAS:*** *The City of Boston is hosting the Municipal Leaders for Immigrant Advancement Summit on June 29, 2017 led by Mayor Martin J. Walsh to honor the vast contributions of immigrants to our communities and to recommit our municipalities to the protection and wellbeing of all residents; AND*

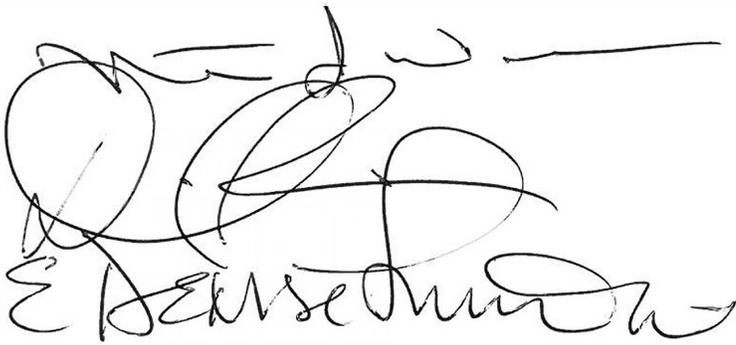
***THEREFORE:*** *That we the undersigned do hereby proclaim June 2017 as Immigrant Heritage Month and in so doing we declare solidarity with our immigrant communities and assert our commitment to the values of diversity, inclusiveness, and equality.*

**MUNICIPAL LEADERS FOR IMMIGRANT ADVANCEMENT**

*For generations, immigrants have made communities in Massachusetts their home, creating the rich tapestry of diversity that makes our region unique. For centuries since, millions of immigrants from every corner of the world have arrived in our cities and towns with a relentless sense of optimism to build a better life, a strong work ethic and unquestionable dedication to American ideals – values that contribute to the economic strength, vibrancy and exceptionalism of our great Commonwealth;*

*Today, Massachusetts continues its tradition of welcoming immigrants-- whether they come in search of better economic opportunities or they arrive in search of refuge from political persecution and the ravages of war and violence. As municipal leaders in this remarkable region, we remain firmly committed to ensuring that immigrants in our community, regardless of legal status, are connected to government services, resources that support immigrant integration, opportunities for civic engagement and have access to information about critical immigration laws and policies.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Municipal Leaders for Immigrant Advancement at 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2017.*



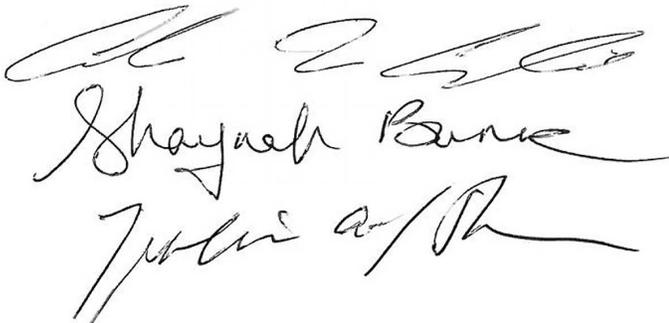
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