

TOWN OF DEWEY BEACH

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RESOLUTION NO. 55

William H. Rutherford
Town Manager

ACTION PLAN RECOGNIZING THE EXPANDING IMMIGRATION POPULATION OF SUSSEX COUNTY, DELAWARE

WHEREAS, The United States is known as a nation of immigrants because it has received more immigrants than any other country in history; and

WHEREAS, immigrants have helped make the United States the huge, powerful and wealthy nation it is today; and

WHEREAS, Sussex County, Delaware, has an increasing immigrant population;
and

WHEREAS, many immigrants seek better education, housing, and employment,
and

WHEREAS, many immigrants seek the right to pursue their own religion and political beliefs; and

WHEREAS, many immigrants suffer from difficulty in adjusting to a new way of lifestyles and laws; and

WHEREAS, many immigrants must learn a new language and customs;

NOW THEREFORE;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Dewey Beach Commissioners pledge their support to form a partnership with the federal and state governments and private employers to assist all immigrants with an Action Plan that includes:

the placement of appropriate international traffic and safety signage;

supporting Title VIII, the Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly referred to as the "Fair Housing Act" by working with the Delaware Housing Authority in creating acceptable housing standards;

encouraging community participation with the immigrant population in Athletic and social events;

supporting the Sussex County Library Literacy Programs;

encouraging the Delaware Population Consortium to closely monitor immigrant population in Sussex County, providing data and information to justify local governments' requests for assistance from federal and state governments in the form of loans and grants;


establishing multi-culture educational programs for public safety providers; encouraging employers to provide wages and benefits to allow immigrants to live without governmental assistance; and

requesting the Delaware congressional representatives to establish an Immigration and Naturalization Service in Sussex County to advise and assist immigrants who wish to become naturalized citizens;

NOW THEREFORE;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution will be presented to Governor Thomas R. Carper, Senator William V. Roth, Jr., Senator Joseph R. Biden, and Congressman Michael N. Castle.

THIS RESOLUTION approved this 9th day of March, 1996.


Robert G. Frederick

Mayor

Attest:


William H. Rutherford

Town Clerk