

**A RESOLUTION
FOR THE CITY OF AVONDALE ESTATES TO BECOME A MEMBER OF
WELCOMING AMERICA**

WHEREAS, fostering a welcoming environment for all individuals, regardless of race, ethnicity or place of origin, enhances the City of Avondale Estates' cultural fabric, economic growth, and overall prosperity for current and future generations; and,

WHEREAS, the Avondale Estates community, as stated in the Comprehensive Plan updated in 2017, developed goals "that recognize that the City of Avondale Estates is a diverse and forward-looking community, engaged in shaping its own future..."; and,

WHEREAS, Avondale Estates, as stated in the vision statement of the Downtown Master Plan updated in 2014, "is a vibrant, growing community with a small-town feel, which is inclusive of all residents..."; and,

WHEREAS, community efforts such as Civic Dinners, Education, and Gatherings that promote understanding and collaboration between long-time residents and new community members are crucial to ensuring a welcoming environment; and,

WHEREAS, Avondale Estates encourages businesses, civic groups, other government agencies and community institutions and residents to join in a community-wide effort to expand prosperity and inclusion for all residents; and,

WHEREAS, the City wishes to create an Ad Hoc Committee to focus on these efforts; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Avondale Estates, Georgia, the City will join the Welcoming America organization and participate in its One Region Initiative to share good ideas, develop new tools, and receive recognition for efforts to create a more welcoming community.

Resolved this 16th day of December, 2019.

Jonathan Elmore, Mayor

Attest:

Gina Hill, City Clerk