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GLOBAL CENTRE FOR PLURALISM GIVES HONOURABLE MENTION TO WELCOMING AMERICA FOR THE 2017 GLOBAL PLURALISM AWARD

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZES AMERICAN ORGANIZATION FOR THEIR WORK TO BUILD BRIDGES BETWEEN IMMIGRANTS AND LONG-TIME RESIDENTS

OTTAWA– October 3, 2017 – [Welcoming America](#) is an award-winning non-profit organization that builds bridges between newcomers and long-time residents across America. The [Global Centre for Pluralism](#), an international research and education organization dedicated to advancing respect for diversity around the world, has recognized Welcoming America with an honourable mention for the [2017 Global Pluralism Award](#).

“In communities with high rates of immigration, anxiety and mistrust of newcomers are on the rise. Welcoming America has reduced social barriers faced by immigrants and refugees by encouraging interaction between newcomers and longtime residents,” said John McNee, Secretary General of the Global Centre for Pluralism. “Welcoming America has developed a comprehensive roadmap for immigrant inclusion, which has proven to build trust and help local leaders involve newcomers in the city’s planning.”

The international Award jury selected Welcoming America as an honourable mention of this year’s Global Pluralism Award for its success in building more vibrant communities through immigrant integration in over 380 communities across the United States.

Welcoming America encourages newcomers to participate in the social, civic and economic fabric of their adopted hometowns, in an effort to build trust between themselves and longtime residents.

As of today, Welcoming America has created more than 570 inclusive policies and programs to improve the lives of immigrants by helping them learn English, succeed at school, build careers and participate in civic life.

The Global Centre for Pluralism, founded by His Highness the Aga Khan and the Government of Canada, will recognize Welcoming America, along with six other honourable mentions and three winners, Daniel Webb of Australia, Alice Wairimu Nderitu of Kenya and Leyner Palacios Asprilla of Colombia, for their commitment to building more inclusive on November 15th, 2017 at the Global Pluralism Award Ceremony in Ottawa, Canada.

About the Global Centre for Pluralism

Founded in Ottawa by His Highness the Aga Khan in partnership with the Government of Canada, the Global Centre for Pluralism is an independent, charitable organization. Inspired by Canada's experience as a diverse and inclusive country, the Centre was created to advance positive responses to the challenge of living peacefully and productively together in diverse societies.

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Award Winners:

[Leyner Palacios Asprilla](#), Comité por los Derechos de las Víctimas de Bojayá, Colombia
[Alice Wairimu Nderitu](#), Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Kenya
[Daniel Webb](#), Human Rights Law Centre, Australia

Honourable Mentions:

[ATD Quart Monde](#), France
[BeAnotherLab](#), Spain
[Fundación Construir](#), Bolivia
[Hand Talk](#), Brazil
[Sawa for Development and Aid](#), Lebanon
[Wapikoni Mobile](#), Canada
[Welcoming America](#), United States