

**CITY OF NEWPORT**

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
COUNCIL**

**No. \_\_\_\_\_**

WHEREAS, "Language access" means providing Limited English Proficient (LEP) people with reasonable access to the same services as English-speaking individuals; and

WHEREAS, Federal laws, particularly applicable to language access, include Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Title VI regulations, prohibit discrimination based on national origin, as does Executive Order 13166 issued in 2000. Many federal, states, and localities have provisions requiring language services for LEP individuals.

WHEREAS, On August 11, 2000, the President signed Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency." The Executive Order requires Federal agencies to examine the services they provide, identify any need for services to those with limited English proficiency (LEP), and develop and implement a system to provide those services so LEP persons have meaningful access to them. It is to expect that the agency will provide for such meaningful access consistent with, and without unduly burdening, the fundamental mission of the agency. Federal agencies in carrying out these responsibilities, the U.S. Department of Justice has issued a Policy Guidance Document, "Enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 - National Origin Discrimination Against Persons with Limited English Proficiency" (LEP Guidance). This LEP Guidance sets forth the compliance standards that recipients of Federal financial assistance must follow to ensure that their programs and activities generally provided in English are accessible to LEP persons and thus do not discriminate based on national origin in violation of Title VI's prohibition against national origin discrimination.

WHEREAS Newport has the civic obligation to serve our multi-cultural population and serves an international population of visitors, and legal (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964) translation is critical for businesses and public organizations; and

WHEREAS The City of Newport did assist minority groups rendering services during the pandemic with informational materials in both English and Spanish;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** That the City Manager will explore the means and cost and make recommendation before the budget is finalized, by May 2021; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED:** The City Manager to work with staff and community members to establish a Language Access Plan for the City of Newport to purchase necessary tools

to accomplish the translation of documents into Spanish and other languages needed to meet the demands of the populations we serve.

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IN COUNCIL  
READ AND PASSED

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