

**RESOLUTION 2018 – 5**

**PROCLAIMING APRIL 9 AS “WOMEN WALKING WEST DAY”  
IN THE CITY OF MASON**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mason has an interest in removing educational barriers facing foreign born women living in the City;

**WHEREAS**, Women Walking West, Inc. is a not-for-profit company dedicated to affording all foreign born adult women access to a quality education in the City of Mason and throughout the United States;

**WHEREAS**, Women Walking West, Inc.’s mission is to remove educational barriers facing foreign born adult women by creating learning communities where educational and financial support are available, and women can achieve their educational dreams;

**WHEREAS**, Women Walking West, Inc. has core values of Compassion, Academic Success, Respect and Empathy;

**WHEREAS**, United States Census Bureau statistics show that fifty-three percent of all foreign born residents living in the United States have no college education and thirty-one percent have less than a high school education;

**WHEREAS**, approximately 29,000 foreign born women between the age of 18 and 44 that have less than a bachelor’s degree live in communities in the greater Cincinnati area, including many living within the City of Mason;

**WHEREAS**, Women Walking West has already helped substantial numbers of foreign born women with scholarships, grants and mentorship;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, We, the Members of Mason City Council, and Victor Kidd, Mayor of the City of Mason, do hereby proclaim April 9, 2018, as:

**“Women Walking West Day”**

In the City of Mason, and urge the community to recognize the need for and assist in meeting the educational needs of foreign born women living in the City of Mason and throughout the United States.

Proclaimed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

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Mayor Victor Kidd

Attest:

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Clerk of Council