

Resolution No. 2025-42

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEW CASTLE, DELAWARE,
EXTENDING A FORMAL INVITATION TO THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAMS
AND DIGNITARIES OF THE NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN, AND ENGLAND TO VISIT
THE CITY DURING THE 2026 FIFA WORLD CUP**

WHEREAS, the City of New Castle is one of the most historically significant municipalities in the United States, with colonial origins that include foundational settlement by the Dutch, subsequent governance by the Swedes, and later control by the English; and

WHEREAS, these early cultural influences from the Netherlands, Sweden, and England continue to shape the identity, architecture, and traditions of New Castle today; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 FIFA World Cup will be hosted in the United States, Canada, and Mexico from June 11 to July 19, 2026, offering a unique opportunity for cultural diplomacy and engagement with participating nations; and

WHEREAS, the national football teams of the Netherlands, Sweden, and England are expected participants in the tournament, and their presence in the United States may include travel beyond host cities for cultural and diplomatic visits; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Castle, as a historic and welcoming community with deep transatlantic ties, seeks to honor its European heritage by extending a civic and cultural welcome to these nations and their representatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of New Castle, Delaware, that:

1. The City of New Castle formally extends an invitation to the national football teams and football association delegations of the Netherlands, Sweden, and England to visit the City during their time in the United States for the 2026 FIFA World Cup.
2. The City also extends this invitation to the respective ambassadors, consuls, and dignitaries, including, where applicable, members of the royal families or their representatives, should they accompany their national teams during the tournament.
3. The City expresses its willingness to host ceremonial visits, historic tours, cultural exchanges, and community events in celebration of this shared heritage and international friendship.

4. The Mayor and City Council, in coordination with appropriate local and state partners, are authorized to transmit this resolution and accompanying letters of invitation to the appropriate embassies, football associations, and organizing bodies.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect September 9th, 2025.

PASSED this 9th day of September 2025.

Suzanne Souder, City Council President

Joseph F. Day, III, Councilperson

Nermin Zubaca, Councilperson

Andrew Zeltt, Councilperson

Brian Mattaway, Councilperson

Attest:

Courtaney Taylor, City Clerk