

Resolution Consenting to Refugee Resettlement in Wake County as Required Under

Presidential Executive Order 13888

WHEREAS, Wake County has welcomed refugees facing religious, ethnic and political persecution for many years; and,

WHEREAS, the world is currently facing the worst refugee crisis in human history; and,

WHEREAS, by definition, refugees are individuals who have been forced to flee their home country due to persecution based on their race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or social group; and,

WHEREAS, resettlement is the last resort for refugees who cannot return to their home country and cannot rebuild their lives where they first fled; and,

WHEREAS, the United States government operates the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program and mandates extensive refugee vetting for every refugee resettled to the United States; and,

WHEREAS Wake County is currently the home of resettled refugees who may be joined by family members from which they have been separated; and,

WHEREAS, community members, families, local organizations and faith-based institutions have supported the arrival and integration of refugee families for several years; and,

WHEREAS, Wake County has a long-standing commitment not only to being open and welcoming to refugees, but also to understanding that refugees so far resettled in our community have and will continue to make significant, positive, and lasting contributions to the life of our county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with regards to federal Executive Order 13888 “On Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Resettlement,” the Wake County Board of Commissioners consents to the initial resettlement of refugees and shall expressly confirm so in writing to the US Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration upon passing of this resolution.

Adopted this day, 6th day of January 2020.

Gregory D. Ford,
Chairman