

Item Title: Resolution Consenting to Refugee Resettlement within Wake County under Presidential Executive Order 13888

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners adopts a resolution consenting to refugee resettlement in Wake County and authorizes the County Manager to respond to federal agencies on behalf of the Wake County Board of Commissioners.

Item Summary:

On September 26, 2019, President Trump signed Executive Order 13888 (EO). The EO states that, as part of the Reception and Placement Program (a refugee relocation program), federal agencies will cooperate and consult with State and local governments, take into account the preferences of State governments, and provide a pathway for refugees to become self-sufficient. The EO emphasizes close cooperation with State and local governments to ensure refugees “are resettled in communities that are eager and equipped to support their successful integration into American society and the labor force.”

The EO requests the consent of State and local governments to be considered for refugee resettlement under the U.S. Department of State’s Reception and Placement Program. This Board action authorizes a written consent from Wake County.

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Executive Order 13888
3. Draft Consent Letter from County Manager