Consenting to Continued Initial Resettlement of Refugees in Dallas County

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Originating Department: County Judge
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
On September 26, 2019, President Donald Trump issued Executive Order 13888, which requires that states and local governments provide written consent to the US Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration authorizing the initial resettlement of refugees into their respective communities.

MOTION:
On a motion made by TBD, and seconded by TBD, the following order will be voted on by the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, State of Texas:

Be it resolved and ordered that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby
Be it resolved that, with regards to federal Executive Order 13888 “On Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Resettlement,” the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby consent to the initial resettlement of refugees in Dallas County.

Be it further resolved that the Dallas County Commissioners Court urges the Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott, to consent to initial refugee resettlement in our state, as per the terms of Executive Order 13888.

ATTACHMENTS:
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BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the day December 17, 2019, on motion made by Clay Lewis Jenkins, Dallas County Judge, and seconded by ____________________________, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, Dallas County has welcomed refugees facing religious, ethnic and political persecution for nearly 40 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, Dallas County is currently the home of resettled refugees who may be joined by family members from whom 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, refugees contribute to the continued excellence of Dallas County through their cultural and economic contributions.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, with regards to federal Executive Order 13888 “On Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Resettlement,” the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby consent to the initial resettlement of refugees in Dallas County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court urges the Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott, to consent to initial refugee resettlement in our state, as per the terms of Executive Order 13888.

DONE IN OPEN COURT this the 17th day of December, 2019.

Clay Lewis Jenkins
County Judge

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