

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING A NATIONAL EFFORT FOR THE RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR RELIGION, RACE, NATIONALITY, OR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, AND URGING OTHER FLORIDA COMMUNITIES TO SUPPORT A STRONGER NATIONAL EFFORT TO RESETTLE THE MOST VULNERABLE REFUGEES.

WHEREAS, there are more refugees in the world today than at any time since World War II, and more than half of the world's refugees are children; and

WHEREAS, refugees are fleeing armed conflict and human rights abuses in Africa, the Middle East, Southeast Asia, Central America, and other regions; and

WHEREAS, more than half of the world's refugees are hosted by only ten countries, and many of these countries do not have adequate resources to keep refugees fed, housed, or safe; and

WHEREAS, there is a continued lack of funding for humanitarian aid in host countries, and food rations and medical aid are inadequate for many refugees; and

WHEREAS, refugees who need to be resettled include torture survivors, people with severe medical conditions, LGBTI individuals, children traveling alone, and women and children at risk—all of whom cannot return home and cannot stay in their host country due to their extreme vulnerability; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has determined that 1.2 million refugees are in need of immediate resettlement, but less than 150,000 resettlement places are available worldwide; and

WHEREAS, refugees in need of resettlement represent only a small percent of the world's population; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with our national values and respect for human rights, the Mayor and City Commission encourage the United States to welcome refugees through a stronger national effort to resettle the most vulnerable refugees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby support a national effort for the resettlement of refugees, irrespective of their religion, race, nationality, or country of origin, and urge other Florida communities to support a stronger national effort to resettle the most vulnerable refugees.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of May, 2018.

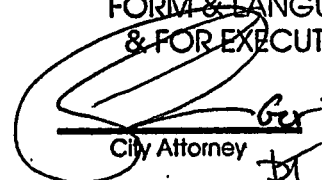
ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by the Commissioner Michael Góngora)
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& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

5/8/18

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