

## REQUESTING THE WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE ACT TO PROTECT REFUGEES LIVING IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

WHEREAS, refugees living in the State of Wisconsin were in some cases brought here because they aided United States interests and fought besides American soldiers; and,

WHEREAS, some refugees living in the State of Wisconsin are seeking safety from political regimes and drug cartels that seek to potentially destroy their personal safety through violence including but not limited to physical harm, rape, incest, and murder; and,

WHEREAS, refugees living in the State of Wisconsin should be protected from deportation and return to living conditions that may result in murder or genocide; and,

WHEREAS, some refugees choose to not become citizens because they hold out hope for a time when they can safely return with their families to their homeland; and,

WHEREAS, some refugees living in the State of Wisconsin could be fleeing environmental catastrophe; and,

WHEREAS, refugees living in the State of Wisconsin have faced long and burdensome journeys often resulting in the loss of all they own; and,

WHEREAS, some refugees living in the State of Wisconsin exist in conditions whereby they are often seen as second class or less than; and,

WHEREAS, most refugees living in the State of Wisconsin do not have the language skills, or the cultural background knowledge required to deal with issues of deportation; and,

WHEREAS, many refugee groups have long established roots in the State of Wisconsin; and,

WHEREAS, refugees living in the State of Wisconsin make important economic contributions by both performing hard physical labor and by paying taxes; and,

WHEREAS, refugees living in the State of Wisconsin enrich our society by contributing to the rich multi-cultural heritage of our state; and,

WHEREAS, refugees living in the State of Wisconsin have friends, families, lives and livelihoods worthy of a protected status.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors is requesting the Wisconsin Legislature to take action to protect refugees living and working in the State of Wisconsin; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Tony Evers, the Wisconsin Counties Association, all members of the State Legislature, and all Wisconsin Counties.

ADOPTED: March 17, 2020

Janet K. Loomis  
County Clerk

