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The Honorable Michael R. Pompeo
Secretary of State
Carol T. O'Connell
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Pompeo and Deputy Assistant Secretary O'Connell:

This letter is in reference to Executive Order (EO)13888, "On Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Resettlement." Please note that communication about, or participation in the implementation of EO 13888 is not an endorsement of the legality of the EO. My correspondence is to affirm, as evidenced by the attached Resolution of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, that Broward County, Florida will continue to participate in the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP), and such participation is valid unless or until it is withdrawn.

Broward County has a Not-for-Profit community of providers that has worked for decades to assist with the integration of refugees in our community. The USRAP is an example of a partnership between the federal government, state and local governments, local non-profit organizations, and volunteers that come together to provide an array of services and supports to ensure that refugees can integrate communities in a way that maximizes self sufficiency and resiliency. We appreciate that the federal government recognizes the importance of consulting with communities in the decision-making process relative to the local capacity to receive and support refugees on an as needed and as appropriate basis.

Sincerely,

Dale V. C. Holness
Mayor, Broward County

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