



Broward County

Legislation Text

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Broward County Commission Regular Meeting

Director's Name: Nan H. Rich

Department: County Commission

Information

Requested Action

MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution No. 2020-062, the title of which is as follows: (Commissioner Rich)
(Deferred from January 28, 2020 - Item No. 56)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONSENTING TO THE RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES IN BROWARD COUNTY; URGING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO CONSENT TO THE RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA; DIRECTING THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AND THE BROWARD COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Why Action is Necessary

Formal Board approval is necessary for the adoption of a Resolution.

What Action Accomplishes

Enables the adoption of the above Resolution.

Is this Action Goal Related

No

Previous Action Taken

Summary Explanation/Background

The United States government operates the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (“Refugee Program”) and mandates extensive refugee vetting for every refugee resettled to the United States. On September 26, 2019, President Donald Trump issued Executive Order 13888, On Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Resettlement (“Executive Order 13888”), which requires that state and local governments consent to the resettlement of refugees in their communities through the Resettlement Program. The Fiscal Year 2020 Notice of Funding Opportunity for Reception and Placement Program for nonprofits seeking to assist with the Refugee Program requires that for “each state and locality where the applicant proposes to resettle refugees during the award period, the applicant should seek written consent for resettlement of refugees from the state governor’s office and the chief executive officer of the local government (county or county equivalent).” Several nonprofit

organizations have requested that Broward County ("County") and the State of Florida consent to the resettlement of refugees.

This item was originally placed on the agenda for the January 28, 2020, Commission meeting, but was deferred to this meeting. A Proposed Revised Resolution with additional background is attached as Exhibit 6. The Board's consideration of the item will be based on the Resolution attached as Exhibit 6.

Source of Additional Information

Harrison Grandwilliams, Commission District 1, (954) 357-7001

Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

None.