

2 **RESOLUTION: Request the Wisconsin Legislature to Act to Protect Refugees Living in**
3 **the State of Wisconsin**

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6 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

7 **WHEREAS**, some refugees living in Wisconsin were brought here because they aided United States
8 interests and fought beside American soldiers; and

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

12 **WHEREAS**, refugees living in Wisconsin should be protected from deportation and return to living conditions
13 that may result in murder or genocide; and

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

16 **WHEREAS**, some refugees living in Wisconsin could be fleeing environmental catastrophe; and

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

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

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

23 **WHEREAS**, many refugee groups have long established roots in Wisconsin; and

24 **WHEREAS**, refugees living in Wisconsin make important economic contributions by both performing hard
25 physical labor and by paying taxes; and

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

28 **WHEREAS**, refugees living in Wisconsin have friends, families, lives, and livelihoods worthy of a protected
29 status.

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31 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
32 requests the Wisconsin Legislature to take action to protect refugees living and working in Wisconsin.

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34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby directs the
35 Winnebago County Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Office of Governor Tony Evers, the Wisconsin
36 Counties Association, all Wisconsin Counties, and all members of the State Legislature.

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38 Respectfully submitted by:

39 **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

40 Committee Vote: **12-0**

41 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Those Present**

43 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2020.

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Mark L Harris
Winnebago County Executive