

LETTER ANNOUNCING RESOLUTION ASSERTING NON PARTICIPATION IN THE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

PROJECT BASED ON PROTECTION OF HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

To Whom It May Concern,

October 5, 2015

Enclosed you will find a copy of a signed resolution adopted by Conservatives of the Upstate, a group which has over 350 members. You can see our web site for further information on this group at <http://www.conservativesoftheupstate.com/>

The issue of resettlement of refugees from the Middle East is a matter of most urgent concern. It involves vital issues of national security, terrorism, public health, and public safety, and expenditures of public taxpayer funds.

We are calling for the Federal Government to cease and desist [of any] ALL further refugee resettlements in South Carolina. The SC Legislature needs to pass legislation reflecting the will of the people in SC by approving a state public policy on any and all refugee resettlement within SC borders.

Let this serve as notice that WE THE PEOPLE want our Government Officials and Non-Governmental Agencies to put our citizens' safety, health, and welfare first.

We are calling for an emergency hearing of Governor Nikki Haley as it requires immediate action and should not be postponed till January.

If even one person is harmed as a result of allowing refugees with the intent of harming our citizenry in SC the blood and damages will be on your hands for not protecting the citizenry, as we have served notice of our desires to cease and desist the resettlement of refugees which our own Federal Government asserts cannot be vetted properly.

In the coming days you will probably be receiving more signed resolutions very similar if not identical from various other groups in South Carolina including, but not limited to, County Councils, GOP County Party Chairmen, and other various civic groups and churches.

Sincerely,

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RESOLUTION OF THE CONSERVATIVES OF THE UPSTATE

RESOLUTION ASSERTING NON-APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATION IN THE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROJECT

The Protection of Health, Safety, and Welfare of the Citizens of Pickens County

WHEREAS the issue of resettlement of refugees from the Middle East is a matter of the most urgent concern, as it involves vital issues of national security, terrorism, public health, public safety, religious freedom, and immigration, and WHEREAS these issues are of such great public importance that refugee resettlements should occur only after the issues involved are fully and publicly discussed, and after the will of the people of South Carolina is clearly established through legislative action.

WHEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

- (1) That we call upon all public officials, governmental, and non-governmental agencies to immediately cease and desist from all placement of refugees anywhere within the state of South Carolina, and to take all action necessary to ensure that neither state, federal, nor non-governmental agencies proceed with refugee resettlement until the people of South Carolina have spoken through their established legislative processes to establish a state public policy on any and all refugee resettlement, and
- (2) That that we hereby ask for a public and immediate order from the Governor of South Carolina directing the South Carolina DSS to cease and desist from all refugee resettlement activities until the Legislature convenes and passages legislation approving a state public policy on any and all refugee resettlement, and
- (3) That we ask that each of our state representatives and senators from Pickens County immediately issue a letter to the Governor and the Director of the DSS stating this same request, and
- (4) That the President of Conservatives of the Upstate shall within twenty-four hours submit this resolution by email to the Governor, the Director of the DSS, and to each senator and legislator of Pickens County, to the Lutheran Family Services In the Carolinas and the President shall further publish on the internet web page and/or Face book group of this organization a copy of this resolution, a copy of the letter of transmittal addressed to each recipient, and an ongoing status report, to be updated no less than weekly, showing which recipients have responded and how they have so responded.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5 DAY OF Oct, 2015, By The Conservatives of the Upstate

Signed by: Jamie Smith President of COTU