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State Director of SC Dept of Social Services;

The Greenville County Republican Women's Club passed and signed this resolution in order to inform our government officials and non-governmental officials of the importance we have placed on the issue of refugee resettlement. The United States should never allow the United Nations to select the refugees who enter this county especially when there is no vetting for disease or background information. The definition of self-sufficient as defined by nine Non-Governmental Organizations is not synonymous with refugees being able to provide totally for themselves or their families, but rather these refugees accessing social services. The contractors are prohibited by federal law from any mention or expression of the Christian Religion to these refugees. These are but a few of the concerns expressed by this resolution.

I appreciate your taking the time to read this resolution.

Sincerely,



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Refugee Resettlement Resolution

WHEREAS: Since 1990 over 95% of all refugees resettled in the United States have been selected by the United Nations High Commission on Refugees (UNHCR); and

WHEREAS: The role of the United States State Department has been to provide funding and logistical support to the nine Non-Governmental Organizations that act as contractors paid by the head to resettle these refugees; and

WHEREAS: The majority of refugees currently proposed to be resettled in the United States, and in the state of South Carolina, are from North Africa, and the Middle East, including Syria. Due to social upheaval, terrorism, and civil wars, the countries of origin of these refugees are considered failed states and are unable to provide our State Department with reliable information about the background, criminal records, or terrorist associations of these refugees; and

WHEREAS: These refugees are not screened for HIV/AIDS and other communicable diseases; and

WHEREAS: Many, if not most, of these refugees are military age males who have not been screened by anyone to determine if they have associations with Hamas, Hezbollah, ISIS, al Qaeda, or other organizations that regularly engage in acts of terrorism directed at Americans and our allies; and

WHEREAS: The refugees being resettled do not speak English and will therefore pose an economic burden on our system of public education and social services; and

WHEREAS: Other refugees resettled under the same program in Tennessee and other states have historically chosen to build enclaves, preserving the language and culture of their countries of origin rather than fully integrate into the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS: Under federal law, these refugees are given legal permanent residence in the United States, and priority for an expedited process to become citizens without having to meet all the usual criteria of immigrants. Federal law also provides these refugees are immediately qualified for AFDC, SSI, Food Stamps, subsidized housing, free public education, health care, and all other social services provided to low income Americans; and

WHEREAS: Each of the nine contractors are paid by the American taxpayers, and each of those organizations has a president or chief executive officer whose salary is in excess of \$200,000 per year when all forms of compensation is included; and

WHEREAS: When these nine contractors certify that the refugees are self sustaining in most cases within nine months of being resettled, that merely means the contracting NGO is no longer providing direct financial assistance to the refugee, not that the refugee is actually self sufficient. All of these refugees have no English language skills and no ability to obtain other than menial employment with little chance for advancement. They are, and will remain, self sustaining only by being able to permanently utilize our social welfare programs including Social Security Disability, SSI, AFDC, and food stamps, on a permanent basis, and

WHEREAS: While several of the nine contractors have the word "Evangelical" or other religious terms in their names and Mission Statements, all of them are strictly prohibited by federal law from doing any evangelism, or other religious activity of any manner. They will not be distributing Bibles, or mentioning Jesus Christ, or Christianity, to these refugees under any circumstances, and

WHEREAS: Nothing in this resolution is intended to prevent any private citizen, Church, Missionary Organization, or other Ministry, from ministering to the needs of Christians who are displaced or persecuted in North Africa and the Middle East, provided it is financed with private voluntary donations, and

WHEREAS: Neither the US State Department, nor the state of South Carolina has sought the input of the voting taxpayers in the communities that will be adversely affected by the proposed refugee resettlement, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Greenville County Republican Women respectfully calls upon Governor Nikki Haley to immediately suspend the resettlement of refugees in South Carolina until the following conditions are met:

1. SLED investigates the impact of similar refugee resettlement programs in Tennessee and other surrounding states on local law enforcement, and is able to certify to the Governor that the proposed refugee resettlement program will not have an adverse impact on local law enforcement in South Carolina, and will not require any additional funding for law enforcement.
2. DSS investigates the impact of the refugee resettlement program and certifies to the South Carolina General Assembly, that the proposed refugee resettlement program will not have any

negative impact on the provision of services to the current residents of South Carolina at the current levels, and that the refugee resettlement program will not cause any requirement to increase the DSS budget.

3. DHEC investigates similar refugee resettlement programs in surrounding states and certified to the General Assembly that there is no likelihood of any negative impact on our environment, or to the health and welfare of the people of South Carolina; and that there will be no need to increase the budget of DHEC as a result of the refugee resettlement program.

4. The South Carolina Department of Labor is able to fully investigate the proposed refugee resettlement program and can certify to the Governor that the program will not adversely impact employment opportunities for current South Carolina residents, particularly our youth, and minorities.

5. The South Carolina Department of Education fully investigates the refugee resettlement program and the State Board of Education is able to certify to the Governor that the refugee resettlement program will not have any adverse impact on education in South Carolina and that local school districts will not need additional financial resources as a result of the proposed refugee resettlement program.

6. The federal Department of Homeland Security is able to certify to SLED that each refugee allowed to enter South Carolina, has been subjected to a thorough background check similar to the federal form e86 used to screen applicants for employment with DHS, and that DHS has been able to determine that none of the refugees pose any national security threat.

7. Each South Carolina State Senator holds several Townhall meetings in his or her district at times and places convenient to the public in order to determine that there is not substantial public opposition to the refugee resettlement program in the communities they represent; and be it further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution are sent to:

- Governor Nikki Haley
- All members of the Greenville County Legislative Delegation
- Congressman Jeff Duncan, Trey Gowdy and U.S. Senators Tim Scott, and Lindsey Graham
- Each member of the Greenville County Council
- The State Chairman of the SC GOP
- Local news media

