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PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 26, 2019

TO: Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board

FROM: Richard Elías, Chairman and District Five Supervisor

REGARDING: Item for the December 3, 2019 agenda addendum

Please add the following to the December 3, 2019 agenda addendum:

Resolution

A RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CONSENTING TO THE CONTINUED INITIAL RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES IN PIMA COUNTY. (District 5)

Thank you

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CONSENTING TO THE CONTINUED INITIAL RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES IN PIMA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Pima County has welcomed refugees facing religious, ethnic, and political persecution for many years, and

WHEREAS, the world faces the worst refugee crisis in human history, and

WHEREAS, resettlement is the last resort for refugees who cannot return to their home country and need another safe place to rebuild their lives, and

WHEREAS, the United States government operates the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program and mandates extensive vetting for every refugee resettled in the U.S., and

WHEREAS, Pima County is home to thousands of resettled refugees and family members from whom they are separated might seek to join them, and

WHEREAS, community members, local organizations and faith-based institutions have supported the arrival and integration of refugee families for many years, and

WHEREAS, refugees have a significant positive effect on our local economy as many local employers hire refugees to help grow their businesses,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that with regard to federal Executive Order 13888, "On Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Resettlement," the Pima County Board of Supervisors consents to the initial resettlement of refugees and shall expressly confirm so in writing to the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors urges Arizona Governor Doug Ducey to consent to initial refugee resettlement statewide per the terms of Executive Order 13888:

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County, this _____ day of ______, 2019.

Richard Elías, Chairman Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM assen, Deputy County Attorney

Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board