

Resolution

WHEREAS, after the collapse of the Afghanistan government and takeover by the Taliban, Afghan citizens are fleeing their homeland and seeking a safe place to live; and

WHEREAS, since 2001, Afghan civilians have worked alongside the United States and allied forces, providing critical guidance, interpretation, intelligence, and other services in the war in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has estimated that 400,000 Afghans have fled their homes this year in an effort to escape potential future persecution; and

WHEREAS, Harris County has a proud history of welcoming refugees, resettling more refugees than any other metropolitan area in the United States; and

WHEREAS immigrants and refugees make Harris County's community and economy stronger; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Harris County Commissioners Court proudly supports the resettlement of refugees of the war in Afghanistan and hereby notifies the United States federal government that Harris County stands ready to welcome Afghan refugees and Afghan recipients of Special Immigrant Visas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Harris County Commissioners Court calls upon its residents to join us in welcoming our Afghan allies to their new home.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Harris County Commissioners Court this 14th day of September 2021.

LINA HIDALGO, County Judge

RODNEY ELLIS, Commissioner
Precinct One

ADRIAN GARCIA, Commissioner
Precinct Two

TOM S. RAMSEY, P.E., Commissioner
Precinct Three

R. JACK CAGLE, Commissioner
Precinct 4

ATTEST:

Teneshia Hudspeth, County Clerk
Harris County, Texas