



***JOINT RESOLUTION OF  
THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL  
AND THE SALT LAKE COUNTY MAYOR  
IN SUPPORT OF REFUGEES***

WHEREAS, on Friday January 27, 2017 the President issued an executive order entitled: "Protecting the Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States"; and

WHEREAS, the order stated the intent to suspend the entry of Syrian refugees into the United States; and

WHEREAS, the order places a prohibition on immigration from certain Muslim majority countries; and

WHEREAS, the order provides for the potential of exemptions to this prohibition on the basis of religious tests; and

WHEREAS, the history of Salt Lake County is inseparably linked to the hard work of religious refugees and immigrants; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County stands for the religious freedoms of all people; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County welcomes people of all faiths,

beliefs, and practices regardless of national origin or ethnicity who seek refuge from violence and opportunities for a better life; and

WHEREAS, denying individuals access to opportunity and protection on the basis of religion or national origin is contrary to our values as Utahns; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County provides valuable resources and community services through the office for New Americans and Refugee Services to the thousands of refugees who call Salt Lake County home; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County funds and operates the Office of Diversity and Inclusion whose mission is to: Support and promote an inclusive community and government for all through dialogue, respect, action and celebration and bring about meaningful and sustainable change that unites and strengthens Salt Lake County"; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County recognizes that many in our community are fearful of actions that threaten the dignity of their families and attempt to deny refuge to those fleeing violence and persecution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Salt Lake County Council assembled on this 31st day of January 2017, calls on the federal government to rescind the executive order on refugees and immigration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Salt Lake County Council,

while recognizing America's right to protect our national security, opposes any executive or other action that seeks to foment fear and xenophobia in the name of national security; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Salt Lake County Council proclaims it will work to ensure that Salt Lake County remains a welcoming home to immigrants and international refugees; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Salt Lake County Council affirms its love, appreciation, and support for the thousands of immigrants and refugees that make Salt Lake County a vibrant, diverse, and welcoming community that we are all proud to call home.

Adopted on this 31st day of January 2017.