

## Support for Syrian Refugees

1 **WHEREAS** the United States has a noble history of admitting refugees from war-torn regions from  
2 across the globe;

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4 **WHEREAS** since the Syrian War began in 2011, more than 400,000 Syrians have been killed, according  
5 to United Nations envoy for Syria;

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7 **WHEREAS** the president of Syria, Bashar Assad, has received international condemnation for killing  
8 his own people through means such as poison gas, barrel bombing residential areas and hospitals, and  
9 murdering thousands of political prisoners;

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11 **WHEREAS** more than 5.5 million Syrians have fled their country and more than six million are  
12 internally displaced in their own nation, according to the U.N.;

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14 **WHEREAS** nations around the world are doing their share by admitting refugees, including more than  
15 three million refugees in Turkey, one million in Lebanon, more than half a million in each of Jordan  
16 and Germany, 250,000 in Iraq, a hundred thousand in Sweden, and over 50,000 in Canada;

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18 **WHEREAS** prior to the Trump administration's ban on Syrian refugees, the United States admitted just  
19 over 30,000 such refugees, a paltry total given the scope of the crisis and compared to other nations;  
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22 **WHEREAS** not one single Syrian refugee has carried out a terrorist attack on United States soil,  
23 completely negating the Trump administration's pretext for implementing its refugee ban;

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25 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats call for the United States to  
26 drop its ban on admitting Syrian refugees;

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28 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we call for the United States to utilize the vigorous  
29 screening processes in place in 2016 in order to return to admitting at least 10,000 Syrian refugees per  
30 fiscal year, the number which had been authorized for fiscal year 2017; and

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32 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the United States contribute \$1 billion toward the  
33 United Nations' 2018-19 Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan, a \$4.4 billion endeavor to support the  
34 more than five million Syrian refugees residing in neighboring countries.

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36 Submitted by the Klickitat County Democrats.

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38 The Platform Committee recommended that this resolution be passed at their June 15, 2018 meeting.

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40 The 2018 Washington State Democratic Convention passed this resolution on June 16, 2018.