

December 18, 2019

Secretary Michael R. Pompeo  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street NW  
Washington DC, 20520

Dear Secretary Pompeo:

This letter is in reference to Executive Order 13888, "*On Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Resettlement.*"

As Chair of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for Jefferson County, Colorado, I consent to initial refugee resettlement in unincorporated Jefferson County, Colorado, as per the terms of the Executive Order. I also have enclosed a copy of Resolution No. CC19-402, through which the BCC formally consents to the initial resettlement of refugees in unincorporated Jefferson County, Colorado.

Sincerely,  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Libby Szabo, Chair

Cc: Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Carol T. O'Connell  
Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration  
U.S. Department of State

Enclosure: Resolution No. CC19-402


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Attachment: County Jurisdiction

As Chair of the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County Colorado, I confirm the following municipalities are within the jurisdiction of Jefferson County, Colorado:

- Arvada
- Aspen Park
- Conifer
- Evergreen
- Genesee
- Golden
- Idledale
- Indian Hills
- Ken Caryl
- Lakeside
- Lakewood
- Morrison
- Mountain View
- West Pleasant View
- Westminster

The consent provided by the Board of County Commissioners for initial refugee resettlement in Jefferson County, Colorado extends only to unincorporated Jefferson County. Consent must be obtained separately from each of the above municipalities.



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Libby Szabo, Chair  
Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners

Commissioner Tighe moved that the following Resolution be adopted:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

STATE OF COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO. CC19-402

RE: Board of County Commissioners - Consent to Continued Initial Resettlement of Refugees in Jefferson County, Colorado

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

WHEREAS, the world is currently facing the worst refugee crisis in human history; and

WHEREAS, by definition, refugees are individuals who have been forced to flee their home country due to persecution based on their race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or social group; and

WHEREAS, resettlement is the last resort for refugees who cannot return to their home country and cannot rebuild their lives where they first fled; and

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

WHEREAS, Jefferson County is currently the home of resettled refugees who may be joined by family members from which they have been separated; and

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

WHEREAS, refugees have a significant net positive effect on the local economy; and

WHEREAS, numerous local employers depend on refugee employees to help grow their businesses and numerous refugee entrepreneurs provide jobs and

generate economic activity that benefits Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, refugees contribute to the social and cultural richness of Jefferson County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that with regards to federal Executive Order 13888 "On Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Resettlement," the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County consent to the initial resettlement of refugees and shall expressly confirm so in writing to the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration upon passing of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners is authorized to sign a letter of consent and forward a copy of this resolution to the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration.

Commissioner Dahlkemper seconded the adoption of the foregoing Resolution. The roll having been called, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Casey Tighe	Aye
Commissioner Lesley Dahlkemper	Aye
Commissioner Libby Szabo, Chairman	Aye

The Resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Jefferson, State of Colorado.

Dated: December 10, 2019