



THE SEVENTY FIRST STUDENT SENATE

Senate Resolution 8

Sponsored by:

Senators Alvarez, Balducci, Durham, Glanton, and Pinango

- WHEREAS:** refugees are forced to flee their country because they have a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group and,
- WHEREAS:** there are more refugees in the world today than at any time in recorded history, and half of the world's refugees are children and,
- WHEREAS:** refugees are fleeing armed conflict and persecution in Africa, the Middle East, Southeast Asia, Central America, and other regions and,
- WHEREAS:** there is a continued lack of funding for humanitarian aid for host countries, and food rations and medical aid have been repeatedly cut for refugees and,
- WHEREAS:** the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has determined that 1.4 million refugees are in need of resettlement in 2019, but the number of refugees allowed into the United States has been slashed to the lowest number in decades and,
- WHEREAS:** a refugee has no choice about where they are resettled and,
- WHEREAS:** even if a refugee is conditionally offered resettlement in the United States, they must still be found admissible under U.S. immigration law and are the most vetted individuals to enter the country and,
- WHEREAS:** the organizations responsible for resettling refugees in our country have resettled more than 457 refugees in Tallahassee since 2006 from 13 countries including the Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar, and Syria and,
- WHEREAS:** Florida State University includes individuals from all parts of the world, many of whom are the children of refugees and asylum seekers from countries such as Cuba, Venezuela, and Vietnam and,
- WHEREAS:** these students have enriched Florida State University through sports, academics, and community and,
- WHEREAS:** the number of refugee and asylum seekers looking to enroll in Florida's universities will only increase in the coming years and,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SEVENTY FIRST STUDENT SENATE AT THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

The Student Body of Florida State University welcomes refugees and declares its support for the resettlement of refugees no matter their religion, race, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identity or country of origin, in Tallahassee and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

We call upon other Florida communities to join the Florida State University Student Body in supporting a stronger national effort to resettle the world's most vulnerable refugees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

A copy of this is document be sent to the following,
John Thrasher, President of Florida State University
Ron DeSantis, Governor-Elect of Florida
John Dailey, Mayor-Elect of Tallahassee
Stacy Pierre, Student Body President of Florida State University
Evan Steinberg, Director of the Office of Governmental Affairs


71st Student Senate President


Director of Student Affairs

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