

**CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 07**  
**Series of 2020**

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO CONTINUED INITIAL RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES IN WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Wheat Ridge has welcomed refugees facing religious, ethnic and political persecution in prior 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**, the City of Wheat Ridge 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 many years; and,

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

**WHEREAS**, local employers depend on refugee employees to help grow their businesses and refugee entrepreneurs provide jobs and generate economic activity that benefit the City of Wheat Ridge; and,

**WHEREAS**, refugees contribute to the social and cultural richness of the City of Wheat Ridge.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that with regards to federal Executive Order 13888 "*On Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Resettlement*," the City Council of the City of Wheat Ridge consents 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.

**DONE AND RESOLVED** this 13th day of January, 2020.



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Bud Starker, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Steve Kirkpatrick, City Clerk

