

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, ON  
THE ISSUE OF REFUGEES FROM TYRANNY AND CIVIL UNREST**

WHEREAS, the United States of America was founded by those seeking to escape tyranny and secure for themselves and their posterity a better future; and

WHEREAS, millions of Americans can proudly trace their ancestry back to immigrants or refugees from other nations, and routinely celebrate the history, customs, and traditions of those lands; and

WHEREAS, the conflict in Syria has caused a refugee crisis; and

WHEREAS, the number of refugees fleeing the conflict in Syria to neighboring countries has now eclipsed four million, thus confirming the Syrian refugee crisis as the world's single largest refugee crisis in almost a quarter century; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has stated that "we do not close our hearts to these victims of such violence and somehow start equating the issue of refugees with the issue of terrorism"; and

WHEREAS, Governor Inslee has stated that "Washington will continue to be a state that welcomes those seeking refuge from persecution, regardless of where they come from or the religion they practice, and that Washington has been and will continue to be a state that embraces compassion and eschews fear mongering"; and

WHEREAS, all refugees should be treated with dignity, care, and compassion that every person deserves; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia has been enriched by the contributions of generations of people from around the world;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE** that the City of Olympia continues to welcome all visitors and prospective residents, regardless of national origin or refugee status.


**PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2015.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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CITY ATTORNEY