

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-97

KOOTENAI COUNTY CONCERNS REGARDING REFUGEE RELOCATION

WHEREAS, the first Duty of Government is to do all it reasonably can to protect the Safety and Welfare of its Citizens; and

WHEREAS, recent conflict in the Middle East has displaced millions of Middle East nationals, many of whom, as refugees, have fled from the persecution to other nations; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America has recently intensified relocating thousands of these refugees to the United States through a refugee program; and

WHEREAS, it is possible that radical extremist terrorists could infiltrate the United States of America by posing as refugees, presenting falsified documentation and claiming refugee status to gain entry; and

WHEREAS, the Directors of the FBI and the DHS have both stated that it is not possible to adequately investigate the legitimacy of each claim of refugee status to prevent members of radical extremist terrorist groups from entering the United States; and

WHEREAS, the deluge of refugees and current screening processes have facilitated the entry of terrorists who posed as refugees into host nations, France, Germany, Sweden, et al, and, taking this advantage have committed acts of terrorism and crime, including bombings, murder, rape and civil unrest; and

WHEREAS, refugee resettlement will create new and substantial financial burdens for the citizens of the Counties and of Idaho, in that the influx of refugee families will present unfunded burdens, including but not limited to, burdens on schools, law enforcement, and health care providers; and

WHEREAS, the lack of a thorough investigation of each refugee is a matter of concern to the citizens of Kootenai County as it raises genuine concerns over matters of security, the influx of terrorists, impacts on public health, public safety, and the expenditures of public taxpayer funds; and

WHEREAS, security, safety and funding concerns continue to mount regarding the resettlement of Middle East nationals to the State of Idaho and the United States of America;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kootenai County Board of County Commissioners urges Governor Otter, Senator Crapo, Senator Risch, Congressman Labrador, Congressman Simpson and the Idaho State legislature to advise the President of the United States to halt the refugee resettlement project until the vetting process is thoroughly and fully reviewed and all of the concerns are addressed including, but not limited to, security and financial burdens placed upon the citizens of Idaho.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all refugees must qualify as refugees under federal immigration law and any entity placing refugees must comply with federal immigration law and coordinate with local jurisdictions any planned, anticipated or expected refugee related activities as required by law. Additionally, any extraordinary costs associated with refugees that burden local taxpayers must be reimbursed.

Upon a motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution, made by Commissioner Eberlein, and seconded by Commissioner Stewart, the following vote was recorded:


Commissioner Stewart:	Aye
Commissioner Eberlein:	Aye
Chairman Green:	Aye

Upon said roll call, the text of the foregoing was duly enacted as a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Kootenai County, Idaho on this 8th day of December, 2015.

**KOOTENAI COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



Daniel H. Green, Chairman



Marc Eberlein, Commissioner



David Stewart, Commissioner

ATTEST:

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

By: 

