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**AUTHORIZING ACTIVE CONSENT TO RECEIVE REFUGEES IN DANE COUNTY
PER EXECUTIVE ORDER 13888 - ENHANCING STATE AND LOCAL INVOLVEMENT IN
RESETTLEMENT**

On September 26, 2019, the White House issued the Executive Order on Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Refugee Resettlement (EO). This EO significantly changes the United States Refugee Admissions Program in terms of the placement of refugees. The EO requires that both state and local government must actively consent to receive refugees in order for refugees to resettle in localities and it mandates that consent to refugee placement must be in writing. Letters from local government must be in place for every locality that resettles refugees, and lack of consent or response will equate to negative consent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors supports refugee resettlement in Dane County and authorizes the County Executive to send a letter to the U.S. Department of State expressing Dane County's continued desire to welcome persons seeking refugee status.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Executive will offer consent to initial refugee resettlement in Dane County as per the terms of Executive Order 13888.