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**RESOLUTION ON RESETTLING OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS INCLUDING
UNACCOMPANIED MINORS**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Surry County, North Carolina recognize their duty as law-abiding citizens to act in accordance with the U.S. Constitution and the North Carolina Constitution, and are endowed with rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, which our government has been instituted to secure; and

WHEREAS, the federal government is failing to protect the borders of our country in accordance with Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 90,000 illegal alien minors will arrive in the United States during 2014 and an additional 145,000 illegal alien minors during 2015; and

WHEREAS, this country is a nation of immigrants, save a current minority, and in its earlier days, accepted individuals of any and every location, age, hue, combination and variety and has the most open accepting and liberal immigration laws of any nation; and

WHEREAS, that door of opportunity remains open for many of the poor, tired huddled masses, yearning to be free, the presence of so many, now totaling over 250 million, has caused a tightening of the requirements for entry, to preserve the quality of life, a lifestyle unequalled anywhere in the world; and

WHEREAS, this country has never experienced this type of crisis before, as those having sought entry generally valued the integrity of the family and honored the protection of their own children; and

WHEREAS, the economic plight of countries sharing the continent have now allowed and encouraged minors to travel alone at great peril, preventing the American assimilation process founded upon principles of labor and education, and straining the already over-burdened facilities, employees, and funding of the naturalization community; and

WHEREAS, the President's implementation of DACA was the impetus that started the flow of minor children to the United States border as well as the Federal Government's refusal to enforce immigration law; and

WHEREAS, the influx of school-age minors will have an adverse effect on our local school district educational funding, resources, campus security, public health and safety infrastructure, as well as all county resources; and

WHEREAS, this forced emergency reveals its hyperbole in that now the illegal entrants run to the arm of the immigration officials, instead of trying to secret one's self; and

WHEREAS, this issue is not of Surry County's making, and is much larger than Surry County and Surry County does not have the excess resources necessary for relief.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Surry County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session, do hereby urge its government to uphold the laws of the land, cease any practices that would encourage minors and adults fleeing to this country for economic reasons, expand from contiguous jurisdictions immediate removal of any applicants while their case awaits a hearing, and refrain from any unaccompanied minors and adults in Surry County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge our US Senators to pass US House Representative Bill HR 5272 and HR 5230 that addresses this crisis in an appropriate and straight forward manner.

Adopted this the _____ day of _____, 2014.

ATTEST:

Eddie Harris, Chairman

Conchita Atkins, Clerk to the Board