**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO PROVIDE THAT NO STATE AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, ENTITY, OR INSTRUMENTALITY SHALL ASSIST WITH OR PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING FOR OR THE RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES IN SOUTH CAROLINA PURSUANT TO A REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PLAN, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A STATE AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, ENTITY, OR INSTRUMENTALITY SHALL NOT EXPEND ANY STATE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSES OF ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED ABOVE AND SHALL NOT SOLICIT OR ACCEPT ANY FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THESE PROHIBITED PURPOSES OR ACTIVITIES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. The General Assembly finds that:

(1) the security and welfare of the citizens of South Carolina is the paramount responsibility of all branches and levels of government in the State;

(2) the proposed resettlement of refugees displaced from war‑torn areas of the world does not further that responsibility, in fact it may well pose a threat to the safety and security of the citizens of South Carolina; and

(3) the federal and state governments do not have adequate measures in place to properly mitigate against those who would take advantage of this nation’s charitable tradition for nefarious purposes.

SECTION 2. (A) No State agency, department, entity, or instrumentality shall assist with or participate in the planning for or the resettlement of refugees in South Carolina pursuant to a refugee resettlement plan put forth by a coalition of national governments, including our own.

(B) A State agency, department, entity, or instrumentality shall not expend any state funds for the purposes or activities prohibited by subsection (A) and shall not solicit or accept any federal funds for these prohibited purposes or activities.

SECTION 3. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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