

Ensure That Syrian Refugees Are Welcomed and Protected

Whereas, The Democratic Party of Hawaii's platform calls for a foreign policy that 'honors human dignity' and the Democratic Party of Hawai'i believes a key component to ensure this is by accepting refugees; and

Whereas, There is currently over 4.28 million Syrian refugees that have fled the destructive civil war (2010 – present) between Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, Syrian freedom fighters and Da'esh the terrorist organization; and

Whereas, According to the United Nations Refugee Agency, the official world wide organization overseeing the Syrian refugees and responsible for the extensive background checks, reports that 3/4 of the refugees are made up of women and children; and

Whereas, President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden have already agreed that the United States of America would accept 10,000 Syrian refugees and Governor David Ige has assured the public that Hawai'i would be a welcoming state for the these refugees; now therefore be it

Resolved, The Democratic Party of Hawai'i supports and applauds President Obama and Vice President Biden's commitment to provide a safe haven for the Syrian refugees; and be it further

Resolved, The Democratic Party of Hawai'i, applauds Governor David Ige's public support and assurances that the Hawai'i will be a welcoming state should Syrian refugees be assigned to the Aloha state; and be it further

Resolved, The Democratic Party of Hawai'i, calls upon our entire Congressional delegation to oppose any legislation that may be introduced that seeks to stop or delay the Syrian refugees from entering the United States of America, and be it further

Resolved, The Democratic Party of Hawai'i, calls upon all members of our Party to do what they can to help ensure Syrian refugees are welcomed to the Aloha State; and finally be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be delivered to the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, Democratic members of all the County Councils in the state of Hawai'i, Democratic Mayors in the state of Hawai'i, Democratic Members of the Hawai'i State Legislature, and all members of Hawaii's Congressional Delegation.