

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE
RESETTLEMENT OF AFGHAN REFUGEES**

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2001, the United States of America engaged in military conflict in Afghanistan after coordinated attacks on American soil on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, this United States and coalition military invasion and occupation of Afghanistan would last nearly 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the United States and coalition missions in Afghanistan were overseen by four presidential administrations and multiple shifts in the majority party of both chambers of Congress before the final withdrawal of United States and coalition military forces, making the Afghanistan conflict and its aftermath the responsibility of our total political system; and

WHEREAS, the Taliban has achieved a swift and violent restoration of its control over the institutions and people of Afghanistan upon the withdrawal of United States and coalition military forces; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Afghan citizens supported United States and coalition military forces, standing side-by-side with our service members, diplomats, and aid workers while serving as interpreters, engineers, logistical service providers, and more; and

WHEREAS, Afghan citizens who supported United States and Coalition military forces, along with their families, have been targeted for execution by the Taliban for their support of the United States and coalition missions; and

WHEREAS, the United States began withdrawing its military forces from Afghanistan on May 1, 2021, and completed its military withdrawal on August 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The United States has conducted battlefield vetting of those Afghans who supported the United States and coalition missions, and has an established Special Immigrant Visa program to support the evacuation and relocation of our Afghan partners; and

WHEREAS, the City of Muncie is a welcoming community to all and was found to be Indiana's most philanthropic community in 2020 by the Sagamore Institute's Public Good Index (PGI); and

WHEREAS, the City of Muncie has tremendous citizen volunteers, churches, charitable organizations, and designated committees – like the Muncie Afghan Refugee Resettlement Committee (MARRC) – who are coordinating resources and support for our new neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Muncie recognizes the historic impact of the war in Afghanistan on our region's Armed Forces, and recognize that the many Munsonians who served in Afghanistan

were aided by the very Afghan people who were awarded the protection of immigration to the United States in exchange for their service alongside our service members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, that:

Section 1. The Common Council of the City of Muncie supports the effort to resettle Afghan refugees as new neighbors in the community.

Section 2. The Common Council encourages members of the community to show support as more refugees settle to Muncie.

Section 3. The Common Council of the City of Muncie encourages, supports, and shows appreciation to the community organizations, volunteers, and committees working to help provide resources and aid to those resettling in Muncie.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council and its approval by the Mayor of the City of Muncie, Indiana.

Passed by the Common Council of the City of Muncie, Indiana, this 7th day of February, 2022.

	Yeas	Nays	Abstained	Absent
Jeff Green	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Robinson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brandon Garrett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bradley Polk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jerry D. Dishman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aaron Clark	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Troy A. Ingram	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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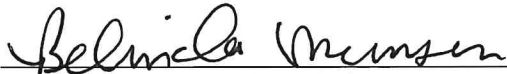
President, Common Council

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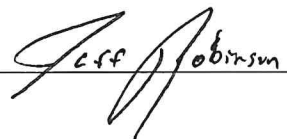
Belinda Munson, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor for his approval this 7 day of February, 2022.


Belinda Munson, City Clerk

The above Resolution is approved/vetoed by me this 7th day of February, 2022.


Dan Ridenour, Mayor

This Resolution is proposed by Council Member 

This Resolution is approved in form by Legal Counsel 