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MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners Chairman

**FROM:** Chris Knopf, Surry County Manager *CK*

**DATE:** September 4, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Resolutions regarding Illegal Immigration

During their September 2, 2014 meeting, the Surry County Board of Commissioners adopted the enclosed resolutions on the resettling of illegal immigrants, including unaccompanied minors from El Salvador, Nicaragua and Honduras. These resolutions were also forwarded to Governor McCrory and the entire North Carolina delegation to the U.S. Congress.

Please share the enclosed resolutions with your Board of County Commissioners at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

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**RESOLUTION ON RESETTLING OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS INCLUDING  
UNACCOMPANIED MINORS FROM EL SALVADOR**

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Surry County, North Carolina recognize human trafficking as one of the most shameful and egregious crimes of humanity, deceiving millions of men, women, and children around the world and forcing them into exploitative situations; and

**WHEREAS**, human traffickers represent a \$31.6 Billion dollar criminal enterprise which exploits failures in immigration policy and border security whose revenues funds transnational criminal organizations, drug cartels and terrorist crimes; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 4th, 2014 White House and Administration officials identified El Salvador as a source country for unaccompanied illegal children entering the United States by means of illegal smuggling and human trafficking; 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**, the State Department has identified El Salvador as a Tier 2 country where its citizens are subjected to sex trafficking and forced labor and has not fully complied with minimum standards for the elimination of human trafficking; and

**WHEREAS**, El Salvador has failed to enforce Article 367B of the Salvadoran Penal Code as self-evident by a decrease in the number of prosecution and convictions of human trafficking cases, thereby becoming a safe haven for transnational criminal organizations and drug cartels to operate, while importing over \$580 million dollars' worth of products into North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government in failing to protect the borders of our country in accordance with Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution has therefore become complicit in human trafficking; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States is a known destination country in human trafficking, having failed to protect its sovereign borders stands in violation of Article 11 Section 1 of United Nation Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons Especially Women and Children, which states, "Without prejudice to international commitments in

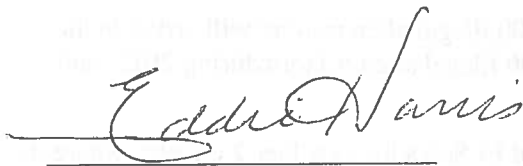
relation to the free movement of people, States Parties shall strengthen, to the extent possible, such border controls as may be necessary to prevent and detect trafficking in persons."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Surry County North Carolina Board of Commissioners does hereby call upon the Government of El Salvador by Resolution on this the 2nd day of September, 2014 to enforce Article 367B of its Penal Code, to pass in accordance with the United Nations Protocols 1 and 2 against Transnational Organized Crime, comprehensive anti-trafficking laws prohibiting forced labor, increasing its government's investigation, prosecuting and convictions of human trafficking offenses including forced labor crimes and forced prostitution of adult victims, and to increase its local law enforcement resources to ensure the safety of its most vulnerable population.~

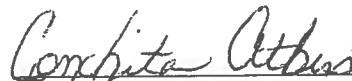
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** if the Salvadoran and United States Governments continue to willfully ignore human trafficking violations then the governing board of Surry County will call for a statewide boycott of all products which have the place of origin identified as El Salvador, and upon so doing we shall strongly recommend to the three thousand sixty-nine (3,069) counties within the United States to do likewise.

Adopted this the 2nd day of September, 2014

ATTEST:



Eddie Harris, Chairman  
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### RESOLUTION ON RESETTLING OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS INCLUDING UNACCOMPANIED MINORS FROM HONDURAS

**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**, human trafficking is one of the most shameful and egregious crimes of humanity, deceiving millions of men, women, and children around the world and forcing them into exploitative situations; and

**WHEREAS**, human traffickers exploit failures in immigration policy and border security of nations resulting in a \$31.6 Billion dollar global criminal enterprise funding transnational criminal organizations, drug cartels and terrorist crimes; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 4, 2014 White House and Administration officials identified Honduras as a source country for unaccompanied illegal children entering the United States by means of illegal smuggling and human trafficking; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Department has identified Honduras as a Tier 2 country where its citizens are subjected to sex trafficking and forced labor and has not fully complied with minimum standards for the elimination of human trafficking; and

**WHEREAS**, Honduras has failed to enforce Article 149 of its Penal Code and to enact proactive methods to protect all its citizens, thereby becoming a safe haven for transnational criminal organizations and drug cartels to operate, while importing over \$870 million dollars' worth of products into North Carolina; 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

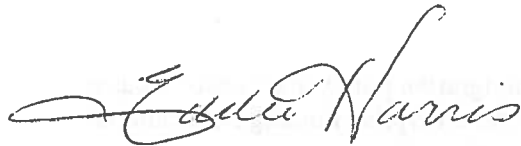
**WHEREAS**, the United States a known destination country in human trafficking, has failed to secure its sovereign borders, and thereby has become complicit in human trafficking in clear violation of the 13th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, the U.S. Criminal Code Title 18 Chapter 77 Sections 1581, 1584, 1589, 1590, 1591, 1592, and Article 11 Section 1 of United Nation Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons Especially Women and Children, which states, "Without prejudice to international commitments in relation to the free movement of people, States Parties shall strengthen, to the extent possible, such border controls as may be necessary to prevent and detect trafficking

in persons."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Surry County North Carolina Board of Commissioners does hereby call upon the Government of Honduras by Resolution on this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2014 to enforce Article 149 of its Penal Code, to pass in accordance with the United Nations Protocols 1 and 2 against Transnational Organized Crime, comprehensive anti-trafficking laws prohibiting forced labor, increasing its government's investigation, prosecuting and convictions of human trafficking offenses including forced labor crimes and forced prostitution of adult victims, and to increase its local law enforcement resources to ensure the safety of its most vulnerable population.

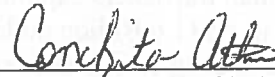
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** if the Honduran and United States Governments continue to willfully ignore human trafficking violations then the governing board of Surry County will call for a statewide boycott of all products which have the place of origin identified as Honduras, and upon so doing we shall strongly recommend the three thousand sixty-nine (3,069) counties within the United States to do likewise.

Adopted this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2014

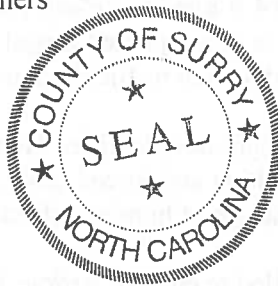


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**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Surry County, North Carolina recognize human trafficking as one of the most shameful and egregious crimes of humanity, deceiving millions of men, women, and children around the world and forcing them into exploitative situations; and

**WHEREAS**, human traffickers represent a \$31.6 Billion dollar criminal enterprise which exploits failures in immigration policy and border security whose revenues funds transnational criminal organizations, drug cartels and terrorist crimes; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 4th, 2014 White House and Administration officials identified Nicaragua as a source country for unaccompanied illegal children entering the United States by means of illegal smuggling and human trafficking; 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**, the State Department has identified Nicaragua as a Tier 2 country where its citizens are subjected to sex trafficking and forced labor and has not fully complied with minimum standards for the elimination of human trafficking; and

**WHEREAS**, Nicaragua has failed to enforce Article 182 and Article 325 of the Nicaraguan Penal Code as self-evident by the lack of prosecutions and convictions of human trafficking cases, thereby becoming a destination country for a limited number of women and children for sex trafficking and a transit country for migrants from Africa and East Asia migrating to the United State of who many will fall victim to human trafficking; while importing over \$364 million dollars' worth of products into North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government in failing to protect the borders of our country in accordance with Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution has therefore become complicit in human trafficking; and

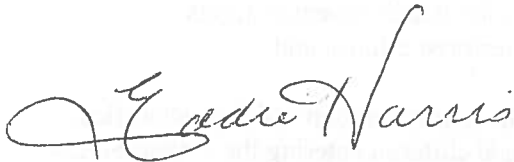
**WHEREAS**, the United States is a known destination country in human trafficking, having failed to protect its sovereign borders stands in violation of Article 11 Section 1 of United Nation Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons Especially Women and Children, which states, "Without prejudice to international commitments in relation to the free movement of people, States Parties shall strengthen, to the extent possible, such border controls as may be necessary to prevent and detect trafficking in persons."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Surry County North Carolina Board of Commissioners does hereby call upon the Government of Nicaragua by Resolution on this the 2nd day of September, 2014 to enforce Article 182 and Article 315 of its Penal Code, to aggressively enforce its anti-trafficking laws, adopt proactive procedures for identifying trafficking victims among high-risk populations, increasing its government's resources in order to provide services to victims of forced prostitution and forced labor, develop greater transparency in the government's anti-trafficking measures.~

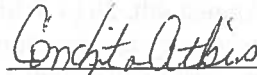
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** if the Nicaraguan and United States Governments continue to willfully ignore human trafficking violations then the governing board of Surry County will call for a statewide boycott of all products which have the place of origin identified as Nicaragua, and upon so doing we shall strongly recommend to the three thousand sixty-nine (3,069) counties within the United States to do likewise.

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**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

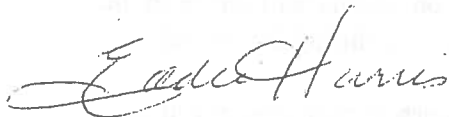
**WHEREAS**, this forced emergency reveals its hyperbole in that now the illegal entrants run to the arm of the immigration officials, instead of trying to secret one's self; and

**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.

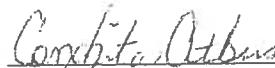
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we urge our US Senators to pass US House Representative Bill HR 5272 and HR 5230 that addresses this crisis in an appropriate and straight forward manner.

Adopted this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2012



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