

RESOLUTION NO. ____-2016

A RESOLUTION REGARDING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County, Kansas, is the second most populous county in the State of Kansas with over half a million citizens and residents, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas as a governmental body is dedicated to protecting the citizens and the legal immigrants who call Sedgwick County their home, and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County government supports the Rule of Law, and the laws of the United States and the State of Kansas governing immigration, the right of citizens and legal immigrants to work and live in Sedgwick County free from the interference from illegal immigrants who disobey these laws, and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County government does not support amnesty for illegal immigrants and believes the concept of amnesty for illegal immigrants is an affront to the hard working people who emigrated legally to this country and met the requirements to be a citizen of these United States, and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County government believes that providing public money to support illegal aliens diverts valuable resources away from the sources of those funds, namely the citizens and legal immigrants who call Sedgwick County home, and

WHEREAS, the leadership of the federal government has been unable or unwilling to stop the flow of illegal aliens in to this country, and by ignoring their status condones the drain on resources they create, and

WHEREAS, actions can be taken by the State of Kansas, either through the legislative or executive branches, to protect the rights of citizens and legal immigrants against those who have chosen to emigrate to Kansas illegally, and

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 76-731a allows for in-state tuition to be paid at Kansas postsecondary educational institutions by persons without lawful immigration status, and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), as the administrator of the Women Infants and Children (WIC) program for the State of Kansas, has the authority to limit WIC participation to United States citizens, nationals, and qualified aliens under 7 C.F.R. § 246.7(c)(3), and

WHEREAS, KDHE, as the Kansas state administrator of the WIC program, the Governor of the State of Kansas, through his executive power, and the legislature of the State of Kansas, through its legislative powers, can and should take action to protect its citizens and qualified aliens and insure that all people who work and receive the benefits in the State of

Kansas are here lawfully.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS, THAT:

Sedgwick County requests that the Kansas Legislature pass legislation amending K.S.A. 76-731a to remove any provisions allowing persons without lawful immigration status to receive the benefit of in-state tuition; and

Sedgwick County requests that the KDHE submit a change to its operating procedures to exclude non-qualified aliens from the WIC program for approval to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), or in the alternative, release a public statement as to why they refuse to submit the change in its operating procedure to USDA; and

Sedgwick County requests the Governor instruct under his executive authority that KDHE submit a change to its operating procedures to exclude non-qualified aliens from the WIC program for approval to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or answer publicly as to why it refuses to do so: and

The Sedgwick County Counselor (or his designee) is hereby authorized to communicate this request to the Secretary of KDHE, and the requests to the Kansas Governor, Speaker of the House and President of the Senate.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas on _____, 2016.

Commissioners present and voting were:

DAVID M. UNRUH
TIM R. NORTON
KARL PETERJOHN
RICHARD RANZAU
JAMES M. HOWELL

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

ATTEST:

KELLY B. ARNOLD, County Clerk

JAMES M. HOWELL, Chairman
Commissioner, Fifth District

RICHARD RANZAU, Chair Pro Tem
Commissioner, Fourth District

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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