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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-1013

101 URGING THE IMMEDIATE RESCISSION OF THE EXECUTIVE ORDER  
102 REGARDING THE ENTRY OF FOREIGN NATIONALS INTO THE  
103 UNITED STATES THAT WAS ISSUED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
104 UNITED STATES ON JANUARY 27, 2017.

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1 WHEREAS, Since its founding, the United States of America has  
2 been a nation of immigrants; and

3 WHEREAS, Throughout its history, the United States of America  
4 has welcomed people seeking refuge from war, famine, terrorism, and  
5 other atrocities occurring in other nations on every continent; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1948, Congress passed the federal "Displaced  
7 Persons Act of 1948" following World War II to aid in the settlement of  
8 400,000 displaced persons; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

HOUSE  
Final Reading  
January 31, 2017

1           WHEREAS, The United States joined 145 other nations as parties  
2 to the 1967 United Nations Protocol on the status of refugees, and since  
3 1975, the United States has accepted more than 3,300,000 refugees from  
4 the former Soviet Union, Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and Latin  
5 America; and

6           WHEREAS, Throughout its history, the United States has  
7 benefited from the significant contributions of immigrants,  
8 asylum-seekers, and refugees who have become scientists, inventors, and  
9 entrepreneurs; and

10           WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump signed a sweeping  
11 Executive Order on Friday, January 27, 2017, (January 27th Executive  
12 Order) that blocks as many as 218,000,000 people from entering the  
13 United States; and

14           WHEREAS, The January 27th Executive Order prohibits entry of  
15 any refugee awaiting re-settlement in the United States for 120 days,  
16 including refugees who had already received visas; and

17           WHEREAS, The January 27th Executive Order also bars citizens  
18 of seven primarily Muslim countries – Iraq, Iran, Syria, Somalia, Sudan,  
19 Libya, and Yemen – from entering the United States for 90 days,  
20 including students and workers who had already received visas; and

21           WHEREAS, The January 27th Executive Order bars entry by all  
22 Syrian refugees into the United States for an indefinite period of time,  
23 including people who had already received visas; and

24           WHEREAS, Since its signing, the January 27th Executive Order  
25 has had a grave impact on individuals, families, and businesses around  
26 the globe; and

27           WHEREAS, Individuals and families who hold visas, green cards,  
28 or dual citizenship have been detained, delayed, or refused entry to the  
29 United States since the January 27th Executive Order took effect; and

30           WHEREAS, Those individuals who have been denied expedient  
31 entry into the United States include individuals who have aided the  
32 United States' armed forces in various theaters of armed conflict,  
33 including Afghanistan and Iraq; and

1           WHEREAS, The January 27th Executive Order has a  
2           disproportionate impact on Muslims; and

3           WHEREAS, The preference of one religion over another is  
4           contrary to the traditions, statutes, and the Constitution of the United  
5           States; and

6           WHEREAS, Religious, civic, and business leaders, including  
7           clergy of various faiths and denominations, leaders of many of America's  
8           largest companies, and elected officials belonging to both major political  
9           parties have all publicly expressed strong opposition to the January 27th  
10          Executive Order and its implications; now, therefore,

11           *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-first*  
12          *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

13           That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, find  
14          that:

15           (1) The United States should continue to thoroughly review  
16          refugee, asylum, and immigration applications on an individual basis to  
17          ensure that those entering the country do not pose a threat to public  
18          safety, but such reviews should be conducted without establishing a  
19          blanket ban on all refugees or immigrants from particular countries and  
20          religions; and

21           (2) The January 27th Executive Order runs counter to the values  
22          of this nation enshrined by our founders in the Declaration of  
23          Independence, affirmed by our Constitution of the United States and  
24          statutory law, and celebrated by many of our national symbols, including  
25          the Statue of Liberty; and

26           (3) Federal judges in at least five states have partially blocked the  
27          enforcement of the January 27th Executive Order; and

28           (4) In particular, some federal judges have found that there is a  
29          strong likelihood that the January 27th Executive Order violates the Due  
30          Process and Equal Protection guarantees of the United States Constitution  
31          and that enforcement of the January 27th Executive Order is likely to  
32          cause irreparable harm; and

33           (5) The President of the United States should immediately rescind

1 the January 27th Executive Order; and

2 (6) Absent immediate action by the President of the United States,  
3 Congress should act to supersede and render moot the President's January  
4 27th Executive Order and, in doing so, restore certainty and predictability  
5 to United States immigration law and affirm, as a matter of policy, the  
6 promise of liberty and freedom to people around the world who are facing  
7 hardship.

8 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
9 to President Donald J. Trump, Vice President and President of the Senate  
10 Michael Pence, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate Mitchell  
11 McConnell, Jr., the Speaker of the United States House of  
12 Representatives Paul Ryan, Jr., the Honorable Governor John  
13 Hickenlooper, and each member of Colorado's Congressional Delegation.