

A Resolution to Guarantee the Rights of Asylum Seekers

1 **WHEREAS,** the forcible displacement of persons has increased worldwide as a result
2 of conflict in Syria, Myanmar, the DRC, Yemen, and other regions; and

3 **WHEREAS,** cartel violence and political oppression have forced many to flee their
4 homes throughout Latin America; and

5 **WHEREAS,** many of these individuals and families fleeing violence, oppression, and
6 persecution seek refuge in the United States where both US and
7 international law have long supported these rights; and

8 **WHEREAS,** the current administration has established numerous barriers in an effort
9 to prevent asylum seekers from invoking their asylum rights; and

10 **WHEREAS,** asylum application is a lengthy process which requires an understanding
11 of US law to complete documentation, compile evidence for
12 presentation, and navigate court hearings; and

13 **WHEREAS,** most asylum seekers, including children, facing language barriers and
14 lacking the necessary knowledge of how the US legal system functions,
15 are forced to represent themselves in court; now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED,** by the Congress here assembled that any individuals seeking asylum in
17 the United States should be guaranteed an asylum hearing; and be it

18 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that all persons seeking asylum in the United States should be
19 guaranteed legal counsel.

A Bill to Establish Supervised Injection Sites to Curb Dangerous Illicit Drug Use Practices

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall establish supervised injection sites in order to curb dangerous
3 illicit drug use practices.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Supervised injection sites” are defined as government regulated areas where
5 individuals can bring illegal drugs to use intravenously with sterile injection equipment.

6 A. Trained healthcare professionals will be available to administer medical assistance
7 upon signs of overdose and referrals and information on addiction treatment shall
8 be readily accessible; illicit drugs will not be directly provided at the sites.

9 Those who use illicit drugs in these sites cannot be arrested, charged, or otherwise penalized by law
10 enforcement for substance abuse or illicit drug possession, nor are they obligated to
11 provide personal information. Entry to these sites shall not be barred unless the safety
12 of other individuals is directly threatened.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Department of Justice (DoJ)
14 will be tasked with implementing this policy.

15 A. The DHHS will provide trained personnel and proper equipment, as well as oversee
16 the maintenance of these facilities with an allocated \$600 million per year in
17 discretionary funds.

18 B. The DHHS will also use data collected on drug overdoses to determine the optimal
19 locations for and number of the supervised sites.

20 C. The DoJ will oversee law enforcement’s compliance with supervised sites.

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect in FY 2020.

22 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

