

INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS RESOLUTION NO. 17-04

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE JUST TREATMENT
OF IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

WHEREAS, in times of war and terrorism, citizens of affected nations will desire to take refuge in the order and safety of our country, the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, we are entitled as a nation to defend ourselves, and to deny entry to anyone who plans to commit criminal or terrorist acts; and

WHEREAS, the vetting process for potential immigrants and refugees is under continual review and should continue to be made as effective as possible; and

WHEREAS, we are a nation of immigrants and refugees. Immigrants and refugees, from the beginning of this country, have made many contributions to our common welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Manhattan Project, for which the community of Los Alamos was formed, would not have been successful in ending World War II without the contributions of refugees and immigrants from war-torn countries; and

WHEREAS, when our nation takes actions that are seen as unjust in the treatment of refugees and immigrants, our international standing is diminished, and our enemies are strengthened; and

WHEREAS, it is our moral obligation to treat all refugees and immigrants as we would be treated, with justice and compassion; and

WHEREAS, the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution describe the rights of all persons to due process and equal protection under the law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos that we support and observe the fundamental American value that all people, including immigrants and refugees, should be treated with respect, justice and compassion.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of April 2017.

**COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED
COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS**

David Izraelevitz
Council Chair

ATTEST:

Naomi D. Maestas
Los Alamos County Clerk