

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-24**

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF HUERFANO COUNTY COLORADO**

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING HUERFANO COUNTY'S  
LIMITED RESOURCES, IMMIGRATION, AND REFUGEE PRIORITIES**

WHEREAS, Colorado Revised Statutes (“C.R.S.”) §30-17-101 et seq. to the Board of County Commissioners of Huerfano County, Colorado (“Board”) to enable Huerfano County to provide restricted temporary general assistance to the poor or to transients pursuant to its limited ability to make appropriations therefor; and

WHEREAS, the Board is concerned of the potential impacts sudden, unplanned, and uninvited migration of any kind would have on Huerfano County residents and resources; and,

WHEREAS, Huerfano County lacks the Human Services, Public Health, Law Enforcement, and housing resources and infrastructure to address the impacts of any measurable influx of migrants independent of their legal status; and

WHEREAS, Huerfano County supports legal immigration into the United States and Huerfano County recognizes the plight of those seeking refuge and asylum from oppressive regimes and the history of the United States as a beacon of freedom and opportunity; and,

WHEREAS, Denver Health saw 20,000 migrant visits resulting in almost \$10,000,000 in uncompensated medical care in 2023 and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services show that emergency medical services for the undocumented exceeded \$12 billion in FYs 2021 and 2022 combined; and

WHEREAS, Huerfano County is one of the poorest Counties in Colorado and its residents already have a high demand for public benefits that the County is unable to mitigate independently; and

WHEREAS, Huerfano County is operating on a lean budget and cannot jeopardize its ability to provide constitutional services such as Land Use, Roads and Bridges, Law Enforcement, and Public Health,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Huerfano County, Colorado, that Huerfano County is unable to financially or physically accommodate a sudden, unplanned, and uninvited measurable migration, whether legal, refugee, or otherwise, without jeopardizing its ability to provide constitutional services to its citizens. As such, Huerfano County must prioritize its citizens first and foremost.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Huerfano County that Huerfano County confirms it is not a sanctuary county.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.



ATTEST:

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County Clerk and Recorder and  
Ex-Officio Clerk to said Board

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO

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