



Northern Virginia Regional Commission

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 16-05

PATRON: G. Mark Gibb
Executive Director
DATE: September 24, 2015

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE REGIONAL BLANKET/WINTER COAT DRIVE FOR SYRIAN/IRAQI REFUGEES FLEEING VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

WHEREAS, for the past two years the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) has helped coordinate a regional blanket drive to assist Syrian/Iraqi refugees fleeing the violence in their countries; and,

WHEREAS, over the past two years more than 40,000 blankets and more than \$100,000 has been collected in the region and beyond to assist these victims of violence and distributed to refugees residing in Turkey; and,

WHEREAS, member governments of the NVRC have been supportive of this effort providing locations throughout the region as drop off points for the donated blankets; and,

WHEREAS, the violence in these countries has continued to escalate and the flood of refugees continues; and

WHEREAS, NVRC working with its member governments and other non-profits and organizations throughout the region desires to continue to help those refugees and expand this year's collection to include children's winter coats; and

WHEREAS, NVRC wishes to commend its private sector partners, Paxton Van Lines, and Maersk Line, Limited., who both have agreed to once again donate their services for the third consecutive year and ship the goods at no cost;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, NVRC and those participating member governments will hold a blanket/children's winter coat drive from November 7 through December 5 and urges its residents and business community to support this worthy cause.



CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on September 24, 2015.


G. Mark Gibb, Certifying Officer