

1 **BY AUTHORITY**

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 23-0313
4 SERIES OF 2023

COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Direct File - Torres

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6 **A RESOLUTION**

7 **Extending the declaration of local disaster emergency pertaining to sheltering**
8 **of migrants and asylum seekers filed with the clerk and recorder to April 24,**
9 **2023.**
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11 **WHEREAS**, over the past five months, the City and County of Denver (City) has seen a
12 steady influx of approximately 5,600 migrants and asylum seekers arrive in the City without having
13 any immediate plans for shelter;

14 **WHEREAS**, this dramatic recent increase in the influx of migrants seeking shelter and asylum
15 from foreign countries has significantly increased the need to provide shelter, transportation, food
16 and services, basic health and first aid needs, COVID-19 testing and associated medical care
17 needed during quarantine and isolation and other supportive services within the State of Colorado
18 and specifically within the City;

19 **WHEREAS**, many of the migrants and asylum seekers are coping with the effects of trauma
20 and exhaustion, as well as other physical and mental health concerns;

21 **WHEREAS**, to accommodate the recent increase in migrants and asylum seekers arriving in
22 the City, the City has closed programming in one recreation center to utilize the space for shelter
23 and services, and is evaluating other spaces that may be used to accommodate additional persons
24 as needed;

25 **WHEREAS**, the sudden increase in need to provide shelter, transportation, food and services,
26 basic health and first aid needs, COVID-19 testing and associated medical care needed during
27 quarantine and isolation and other supportive services is straining and exceeding current City
28 resources;

29 **WHEREAS**, if migrants and asylum seekers continue to enter the City at, near, or more than
30 the current rate, the City's capacity to shelter and care for such persons will suffer additional strain
31 and continue to exceed the City's capacity;

32 **WHEREAS**, the City now faces an unprecedented humanitarian crisis that requires it to take
33 extraordinary measures to meet the immediate needs of the asylum seekers;

1 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: N/A

2 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: N/A

3 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL: _____

4 _____ - PRESIDENT

5 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
6 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
7 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

8 PREPARED BY: Lee Zarzecki, Assistant City Attorney DATE: March 16, 2023

9 Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed resolution has been reviewed by the Office of
10 the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form and have no legal objection to the proposed
11 resolution. The proposed resolution is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to
12 §3.2.6 of the Charter.

13 Kerry Tipper, Denver City Attorney

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15 BY: _____, Assistant City Attorney DATE: _____