

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 150041)

RESOLUTION

Expressing City Council's support for Mohammad Gulab, the hero who saved U.S. Navy Seal Marcus Luttrell and urging that the United States Department of Homeland Security offer Gulab and his family political asylum in the United States.

WHEREAS, Mohammad Gulab is an Afghan villager who lived in the mountains of Kunar province in northeastern Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, During a Taliban ambush attack in June of 2005, Gulab rescued Marcus Luttrell, a U.S. Navy SEAL, who was gravely wounded on the mountains with a cracked vertebrae and shrapnel wounds to his legs and safely took Luttrell to his village and protected him from the Taliban; and

WHEREAS, Gulab considered it his sacred duty under the tribal code of honor known as Pashtunwali, which mandates Pashtuns to protect anyone in need; and

WHEREAS, Luttrell was the only one of four Navy SEALs to survive the fight in northeastern Afghanistan in June of 2005; and

WHEREAS, Gulab's story was depicted in the movie 'Lone Survivor' that premiered in 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Taliban are actively hunting for Gulab and his family, and the hunt has intensified since the premier of the movie; and

WHEREAS, Gulab and several of his family members left Afghanistan in January of 2015 to an undisclosed, neutral third country after receiving death threats and having their house burned down; and

WHEREAS, Gulab is seeking asylum in the United States according to his lawyer Michael Wildes, a New York immigration attorney; and

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WHEREAS, Gulab needs refugee status to enter the United States and apply for asylum;
and

WHEREAS, The assertive promotion of heroism and loyalty honors American values and
protects the interests of the United States; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby
expresses support for Mohammad Gulab and urges that the United States Department of
Homeland Security offer Gulab and his family political asylum in the United States.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the twenty-ninth day of January, 2015.

Darrell L. Clarke
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Oh

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Oh, O'Brien, Goode, Bass, Jones, Greenlee, Tasco, Kenney, Reynolds Brown, Council President Clarke, Councilmembers Blackwell, Neilson, Squilla, Henon, Johnson, Quiñones Sánchez and O'Neill