**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES**

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|  In the Matter of: **LAST NAME, First Name****(DOB: MM/DD/YYYY)** Petitioner.  ­­­­­ | **Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence** |
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**DECLARATION OF XXX**

**IN SUPPORT OF FORM I-485, APPLICATION TO REGISTER PERMANENT RESIDENCE**

I, XXX, declare under the penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that the following is true and correct:

1. My name is XXX. I was born on XXX in Mazar-i-Sharif, Afghanistan. I currently reside at XXX. I am a citizen of the United States. I am making this declaration in support of YYY’s Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence. In support of this declaration, attached, please find a copy of U.S. Passport as proof of my citizenship.
2. In Afghanistan, I was a neighbor of YYY’s family. I was born and grew up in that home and our families were close friends, as we belonged to the same ethnic group, AAA, and therefore were linguistically and culturally from the rest of the people in Afghanistan. I was also close friends with the ZZZ girls who were around our age. Because women and girls were generally forbidden from public places in Afghanistan, a practice which unfortunately still continues until today, as girls we built close friendships and spent much time together in either of our homes.
3. As such, I was present during the birth of all of the children of ZZZ’s family, who were all born after me. Because all children at that time were born at home, my family and I received immediate news when a child was born in their home, as we did for other families in the area whom we were close to.
4. I was physically present in our neighboring home on the day that YYY was born. Their mother gave birth to them at their home and, as is custom, my family and I visited them shortly after each birth to congratulate them on the new addition to their family. In this way, I saw YYY in the first days of their lives.
5. I therefore ask that you approve YYY’s Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence so that they can legally remain in the U.S. and permanently escape the horrors of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan.

*This document was read back to me in Dari, a language in which I am fluent.*

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