



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: People with refugee status are part of Minnesota's rich immigrant history with origins from 100 different countries; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to more than 100,000 people who have fled persecution to find safety in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: Refugees are immigrants with legal, permanent status based in part on experiences or a well-founded fear of persecution because of race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or social group; and
- WHEREAS: Helping refugees successfully resettle and achieve self-sufficiency as quickly as possible in Minnesota is the goal of the Minnesota Department of Human Services Resettlement Programs Office, which coordinates services with federal, state, and local agencies; and
- WHEREAS: More than 90% of Minnesota's refugee resettlement work reunites families separated by war and violence; and
- WHEREAS: People with refugee status contribute to a diverse and competitive Minnesota economy, providing entrepreneurial innovation, vital workforce skills, and global networks; and
- WHEREAS: Refugees provide a story of resilience and hope for our community; and
- WHEREAS: Refugees make tremendous contributions to our state as legislators, school board members, teachers, state workers, nurses, factory workers, frontline workers, and business owners; and
- WHEREAS: Refugees in Minnesota have a tenacity that strengthens the future of our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2020 as:

## REFUGEE RECOGNITION MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tim Walz".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve Simon".

SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed on June 3, 2020  
Office of the Minnesota  
Secretary of State,  
Steve Simon