



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to people and families from around the world who have sought refuge from conflict, persecution, and violence, bringing resilience, talent, and determination to our communities; and

WHEREAS: Refugees enrich our state, playing vital roles as elected officials, public servants, educators, artists, faith leaders, entrepreneurs, scientists, athletes, community organizers, physicians, factory workers, agricultural workers, business owners, military service members, first responders, and more; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota has a long tradition of welcoming those seeking safety and opportunity, recognizing that communities are strengthened when people are able to rebuild their lives with dignity and hope; and

WHEREAS: World Refugee Day, observed annually on June 20, honors the courage and perseverance of refugees worldwide and the many ways they contribute to the social, cultural, and economic vitality of our state; and

WHEREAS: Refugee Day is an opportunity for all people in Minnesota to learn about refugee experiences, celebrate their achievements, and reaffirm our shared commitment to creating welcoming and inclusive communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, June 20, 2026, as:

REFUGEE DAY

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 18th day of June.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE