



WHEREAS, World Refugee Day was launched by the United Nations to honor the bravery, strength, and determination of refugees fleeing war and persecution; and

WHEREAS, refugees in communities across the state of Maine resettle in the hope of finding peace and safety for themselves and their families; and

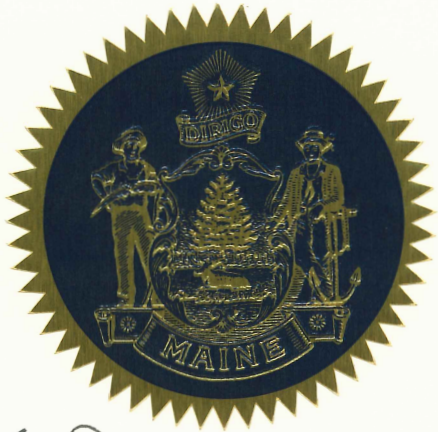
WHEREAS, diverse refugee communities have been and continue to be woven into the fabric of Maine's vibrant cultural tapestry for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Maine celebrates the critical economic contributions refugee communities bring to our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the great State of Maine, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2019 as

World Refugee Day

throughout the State of Maine and I urge all citizens to recognize the enduring contributions of refugee communities seeking refuge within Maine's borders.



In testimony whereof, I have caused the
Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed
GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this
tenth day of June Two Thousand Nineteen

Janet T. Mills
Governor

Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
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