STATE OF MICHIGAN

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN,
I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

June 20, 2019
as
WORLD REFUGEE DAY

WHEREAS, around the world, over 68 million people have been forced to flee their homes due to violence and persecution, resulting in the worst refugee crisis in history; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan is recognized as a welcoming state and has offered hope and safety to tens of thousands of refugees since World War II; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan is home to many resettlement agencies and organizations serving refugees, along with numerous businesses, educational institutions, faith communities and civic organizations supporting refugees; and,

WHEREAS, refugees have made numerous social, cultural, religious and economic contributions to communities throughout Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, we encourage Michigan residents to recognize the great strength, perseverance and accomplishments of their New American neighbors, and reflect on the severity of the global refugee crisis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2019, as World Refugee Day in Michigan.

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor