

# PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING

## June 20th as World Refugee Day

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*WHEREAS, World Refugee Day is an annual commemoration adopted by the United Nations in 2000 to honor and raise awareness of refugees; and*

*WHEREAS, refugees are courageous individuals who have fled their country because they have a well-founded fear of persecution because of their race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group; and*

*WHEREAS, more than 70 million displaced people have been forced from their homes around the globe, more than any time in recorded history, including over 25 million refugees; and*

*WHEREAS, resettlement provides safe haven when refugees cannot return home and cannot rebuild their lives in the country they fled due to lack of access to safety, shelter, health care, education, or protection; and*

*WHEREAS, since 1980, the U.S. Refugee Act has represented the government's commitment to protecting refugees through resettlement and asylum programs, and the State of California is home to more than 100,000 refugees; and*

*WHEREAS, San Mateo County is a welcoming county that celebrates the growing diversity of its residents and recognizes that refugees, immigrants, and all newcomers add to culture and economy;*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the day of June 20, 2021 as World Refugee Day and acknowledges the great contributions of refugee communities within our county and the ongoing hardships faced by refugees across the globe.

**Dated:**

SUPERVISORS:

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DAVID J. CANEPA, PRESIDENT

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WARREN SLOCUM

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors