WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin proudly joins community members and the Wisconsin Refugee Advisory Committee, of which the International Institute of Wisconsin is a member, in recognizing World Refugee Day on Thursday, June 20, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Refugee Advisory Committee embodies its mission by serving refugees with respect and dignity, recognizing the resilience of refugee communities in their efforts to become financially independent Wisconsin residents; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Refugee Advisory Committee Consortium seeks to raise awareness of the plight of the world’s refugees and recognizes refugees’ courage in leaving their homelands to come to the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Refugee Advisory Committee recognizes the efforts of the International Institute of Wisconsin, Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Jewish Social Services of Madison, World Relief Fox Valley, and many other agencies providing services during the resettlement process; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Refugee Advisory Committee estimates that since 2001, the State of Wisconsin has welcomed over 15,526 refugees from all regions of the world; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin unites with the Wisconsin Refugee Advisory Committee and individuals throughout the globe in celebrating a meaningful and joyful World Refugee Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2019, as

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 18th day of June 2019.

[Signature]

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

[Signature]

DOWGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State