

STATE OF MAINE

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**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN**
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**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 20, 2019 AS WORLD
REFUGEE DAY IN MAINE**

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 welcoming state of Maine resettle in the hope of finding peace and safety for themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, for over 40 years refugee communities from diverse backgrounds with a variety of skills, abilities and experiences have been woven into the fabric of Maine's vibrant cultural tapestry; and

WHEREAS, refugee communities have made critical economic contributions to our State; and

WHEREAS, refugee-led organizations in Maine work to strengthen communities by engaging with and improving the lives of all residents of Maine; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize June 20, 2019 as World Refugee Day in Maine and the positive impact and enduring contributions of refugee communities in the State.