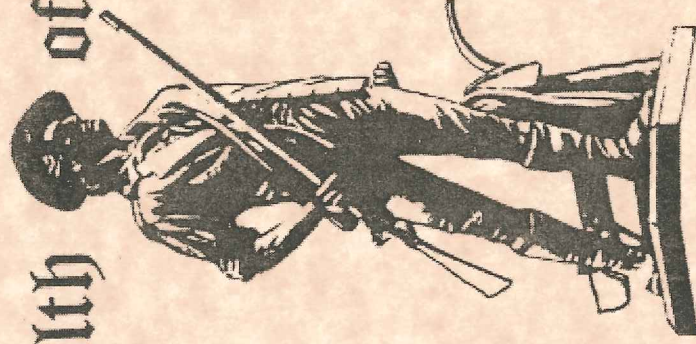


# Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

- Whereas** Hundreds of refugee children resettle in the Commonwealth every year; and
- Whereas** Refugee children contribute to the Commonwealth's rich diversity and bring great enthusiasm for the journey forward in their education and new lives in the United States; and
- Whereas** Refugee children are the future of both their families and the fabric of the Commonwealth; and
- Whereas** Refugee parents and their children are examples of hope and inspiration, not only to their fellow Americans, but also to the new groups of people who are joining the American family; and
- Whereas** Public schools in the Commonwealth are often the first place where refugee children start their new lives to achieve their American Dreams; and
- Whereas** Today we celebrate our vibrant refugee community with a special tribute to educators who have shown exceptional commitment to supporting refugee children to succeed in school and integrate into their new community,

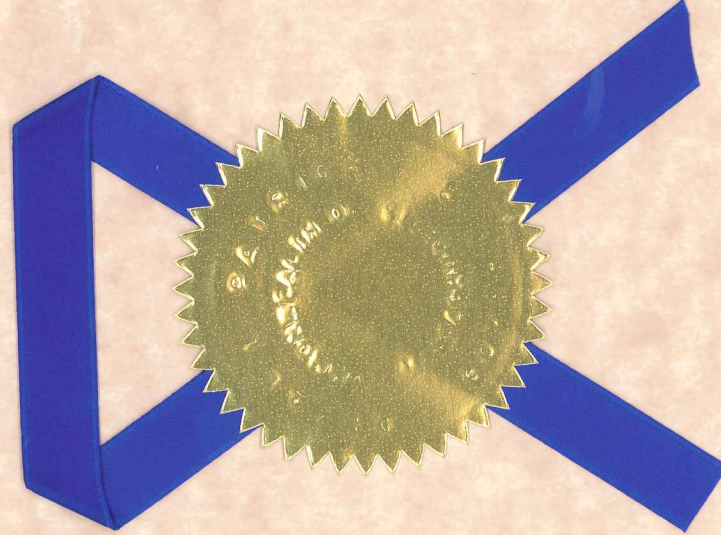
**Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick**, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014, to be,

## MASSACHUSETTS REFUGEE DAY

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this tenth day of June, in the year two thousand and fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-seventh.

By His Excellency



DEVAL L. PATRICK  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts