

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** World Refugee Day is a day designated to acknowledge the courage and resilience of women, men, and children who are forced to flee their homes due to conflict, violence, and persecution; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont has a history of welcoming people of all cultures and backgrounds; and
- WHEREAS,** for decades, Vermont has proudly and peacefully welcomed Bhutanese, Bosnian, Burmese, Congolese, Iraqi, Somali, Sudanese, and Vietnamese families – among others – through successful refugee and immigration programs; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont commits to protect the rights of all Vermonters and the human rights of all people.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2017 as

REFUGEE DAY

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 20th day of June, A.D. 2017.

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Philip B. Scott
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittney L. Wilson", is written over a horizontal line.
Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs