

**World Refugee Day**  
**June 20, 2022**

World Refugee Day celebrates the strength and courage of individuals who were forced to flee their homes in search of safety and is an occasion to build empathy and understanding for their plight.

Every person has a right to seek safety, regardless of who they are or what they believe. Whenever people are forced to flee, they have a right to be protected and treated with dignity.

World Refugee Day shines a light on the rights, needs and dreams of refugees. It helps to mobilize political will so that refugees can not only survive, but also thrive. While refugees should be recognized and protected every day, international days like World Refugee Day help to promote awareness of the struggles of those fleeing persecution.

The day also marks the 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Refugee Act of 1980 which created the Federal Refugee Resettlement Program to provide refugees with the right to asylum. This is also the fifth year that Boulder has been a sanctuary city. As a sanctuary city, Boulder can pass laws to protect immigrants even if they do not align with federal immigration policy. Through the Refugee Act and Boulder's status as a sanctuary city, we as a community have helped in international relief efforts and in expanding protections for countless refugees.

We, the City Council of the City of Boulder, Colorado declare June 20, 2022 as

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And urge all community members to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.



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Aaron Brockett, Mayor

