

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING JUNE 20, 2009, AS "WORLD REFUGEE DAY" IN PASCO COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Pasco County is one of the most diverse communities in the State of Florida, and is home to immigrants and refugees from around the world; and

WHEREAS, Pasco County is in the forefront of efforts to ensure that everyone has the right to live in conditions of dignity, respect and peace; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2000, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution declaring June 20th of each year as, "World Refugee Day," to affirm the values and collective efforts of all concerned groups for refugee protection; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Services Florida is a statewide, non-profit, human services agency dedicated to helping all people in need regardless of religious affiliation, age, or national origin; and

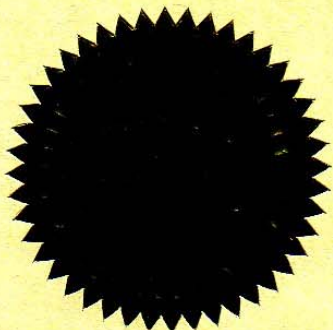
WHEREAS, since 1982, Lutheran Services Florida has provided assistance to more than 200,000 refugees fleeing religious and political persecution, as well as over 550,000 at-risk children, elderly, and families in crisis; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Services Florida, Catholic Charities, World Relief, Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, and other non-profit organizations performing refugee resettlement services in the greater Tampa Bay community are joining the United Nations and the world community in commemorating "World Refugee Day"; and

WHEREAS, the "World Refugee Day" celebration will be held on June 19, 2009, at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pasco County, Florida, in regular session, duly assembled, that said Board hereby declares June 20, 2009, as "World Refugee Day," and encourages all citizens to take part in the celebration and to recognize the contributions that refugees make to the betterment of our community.

DONE AND RESOLVED this 9th day of June, 2009.



ATTEST:

PAULA S. O'NEIL, CLERK & COMPTROLLER

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