



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the social and cultural tapestry of Wisconsin is enriched by the 70,000 refugees and former refugees who are now creating new lives in our state and have increased our workforce, strengthened our economy, secured employment, bought homes, and started new businesses – thus adding new and vibrant threads to our tapestry; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2000, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution naming June 20 World Refugee Day to bring attention to the plight of the world's refugees and affirm the values and collective efforts of all groups concerned with the protection of refugees; and

WHEREAS, World Refugee Day 2008 is dedicated to the incredible tenacity and strength of the world's refugees, not just in enduring the dangers and violence of the crises that made them refugees, but also in the fortitude they display in rebuilding their lives; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin welcomes refugees and acknowledges that many residents of the state are living proof of the positive contributions refugees make to our state; and

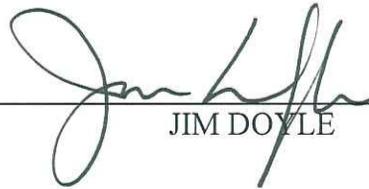
WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin and its people have been in the forefront of efforts to establish a caring, compassionate society based on the inherent dignity of all its members by taking a leadership role aimed at eliminating discrimination and disadvantage, and recognizing that a fundamental strength of our community lies in our unique racial and ethno-cultural diversity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2008 as

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

and I commend this observance to all citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this tenth day of June in the year two thousand eight.


JIM DOYLE

By the Governor


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State