

**PROCLAIMING
WORLD REFUGEE DAY
JUNE 20, 2010**

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

WHEREAS, the theme of World Refugee Day 2010 is "They have taken my home, but they can't take my future;" and

WHEREAS, refugees are men, women and children forced to flee from their homes for safety; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations estimates there are over 41 million refugees and internally displaced persons worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the County of Marin prides itself on diversity, compassion, quality of life, and equality, and recognizes that, in the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere;" and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby proclaims Sunday, June 20, 2010 as "World Refugee Day," and urges all citizens to support the work of humanitarians and human rights activists who take a leadership role eliminating the suffering of refugees and helping them build a secure, just and peaceful future.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 8th day of June 2010.