



International Center for Empowerment (NICE), and Inspiritus. These agencies provide direct services to refugees through the implementation of numerous government programs, as well as through a spectrum of wrap-around services designed to support refugees on their path to self-sufficiency. There are many other partner organizations in Nashville who provide significant support and resources to refugees through advocacy, legal services, healthcare, food assistance and more. These organizations include, but are not limited to, the Tennessee Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition, Tennessee Resettlement Aid, Siloam Health, Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors, the American Muslim Advisory Council (AMAC), Nations Ministry Center, and the Office of the State Refugee Coordinator, the Tennessee Office for Refugees; and

WHEREAS, these organizations are celebrating World Refugee Day in 2022 through a live storytelling event, called Stories of Belonging, being held on Wednesday June 22nd at 6:00pm the Tennessee Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition Office; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, over 700 refugees from around the world were resettled in Nashville, including hundreds of evacuees from Afghanistan.; and

WHEREAS, as Nashville continues to grow, we are becoming an ever-greater hub for diverse communities. Each year, refugees contribute millions of dollars back into our local economy, and bring a richness of culture that helps Nashville thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as recognizing June 20, 2022 as World Refugee Day in Nashville and Davidson County.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.