

Proclamation Declaring the Month of June Immigrant Heritage Month

WHEREAS, regardless of their immigration status, every human being has an inherent birthright to safety, food, and shelter; and

WHEREAS, we join people around the globe in commemorating World Refugee Day, a day when we recognize, honor, and uplift the strength, courage, and humanity of millions forced to flee violence, persecution, and war; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Norwood honors the dignity of all city residents, regardless of nationality, and recognizes the importance of their many contributions to the social, cultural, and economic life of the city; and,

WHEREAS, discrimination and racism have profound impacts on immigrant communities, leading to trauma, exploitation, and fear; and

WHEREAS, dehumanization and objectification perpetuate harm and marginalization; and

WHEREAS, during National Immigrant Heritage Month, we recognize and celebrate the history and achievements of immigrant communities throughout the nation and within our local community; and

WHEREAS, immigrants have been tireless leaders not only in securing their own rights and access to equal opportunity, but have also campaigned to create a fairer and more just society for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, immigration enhances the Town of Norwood's cultural diversity, adding a variety of abilities, perspectives, languages, customs, traditions, values, and cuisines that benefit the residents of our city;

NOW, THERE, we do hereby proclaim June 2024 as **IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH** in the Town of Norwood and call this observance to the attention of all of our Citizens and encourage them to learn more about the social and economic impact of immigrants to our community and state.



Mayor

Attest:

Town Clerk