

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 21

Proclaiming June 2025 as Immigrant and Refugee Heritage Month in Multnomah County, Oregon.

Multnomah County Finds:

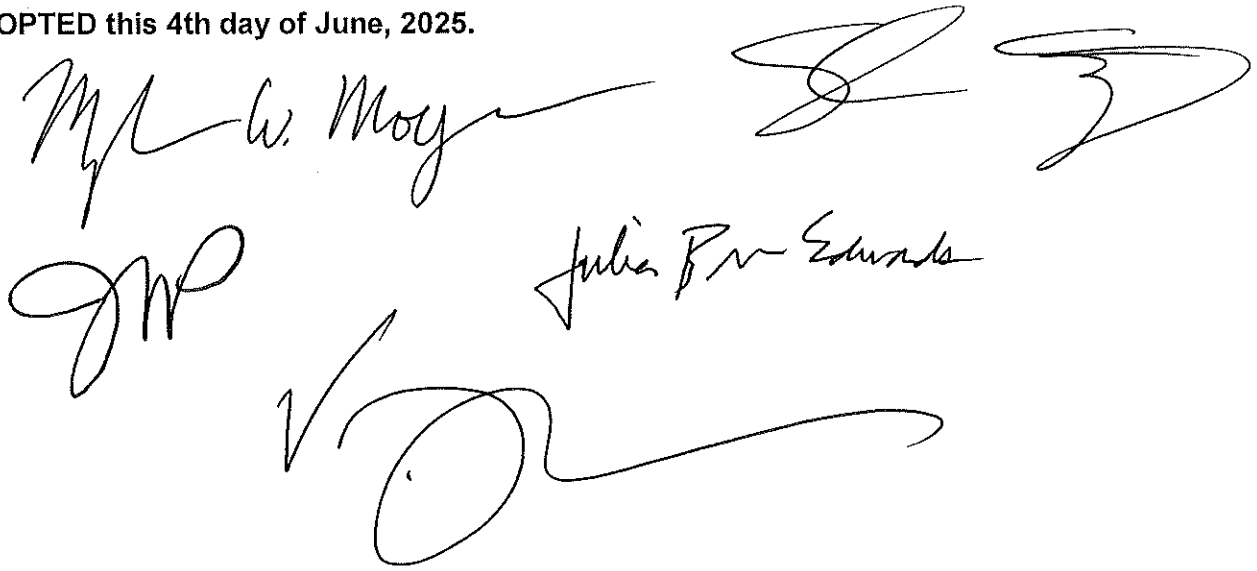
- A. Multnomah County will continue to be a sanctuary jurisdiction, open and welcoming to all, and serving all, regardless of documentation or immigration status. We will defend and protect the rights and continue to ensure access to services such as housing, healthcare, and other safety net services, regardless of immigration status.
- B. Multnomah County rejects the blatant xenophobic rhetoric, tactics, and fearmongering meant to divide our communities on the basis of place of birth. We remain committed to supporting all those who live here and who are working to make Multnomah County thrive.
- C. Generations of immigrants from all corners of the globe have been essential to this country's economic and cultural strength and resilience. Whether they arrived centuries ago or more recently, immigrants have helped build our infrastructure, fuel innovation, and create our prosperity. Immigrants contribute to Multnomah County's economy, agriculture, cuisine, and health care; they run political organizations, start and operate businesses, employ hundreds of thousands of Oregonians, and represent us at almost every level of elected office.
- D. Immigrants enrich Multnomah County with their traditions, their arts and culture, their foods, and their global perspective. We honor the diversity of our immigrant communities, recognizing that each of their journeys to the United States has been distinct - as is their experience once here - and that their diversity strengthens the fabric of our society.
- E. During the COVID pandemic, immigrants served on the front lines – as health care workers, farm workers, grocers, teachers, and other essential workers. Because of systemic racism that creates disparities in employment, education, housing, and health outcomes, many immigrant communities were disproportionately affected both by the virus itself and by its economic impacts. Multnomah County will continue to provide the systems and support our immigrant communities need in order to recover and thrive.
- F. Immigrant Heritage Month gives Multnomah County the opportunity to honor our diverse immigrant communities and their unique stories; to recognize their enduring contributions; and to commit to implementing the policies, programs, and practices that will ensure that they will thrive for generations to come.
- G. Multnomah County welcomes and supports immigrant communities from all over the world as vital members of our community. The County is committed to working in partnership with our employees, community members, and immigrant-serving

organizations to enhance Multnomah County as a place for all to develop and grow in safety, trust, and belonging.

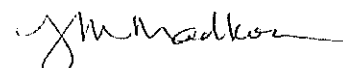
Multnomah County Proclaims:

1. The month of June 2025 as Immigrant Heritage Month celebrating all residents of Multnomah County who identify as immigrants.
2. Multnomah County reaffirms its commitment to recognizing the diversity of experience of immigrant communities in Multnomah County, eradicating xenophobic policies and practices, and working to implement best practices for language access, data disaggregation, and civic engagement.

ADOPTED this 4th day of June, 2025.



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