

# JUNE IS REFUGEE AWARENESS MONTH



DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE, CDSS CELEBRATES THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY REFUGEES TO CALIFORNIA. WE, AS A STATE, ARE ENRICHED BY THE DIVERSITY, STRENGTHS, AND COURAGE BROUGHT BY THESE NEWCOMERS.

WHO ARE REFUGEES? REFUGEES ARE PEOPLE WHO FACE PERSECUTION FOR REASONS OF RACE, RELIGION, NATIONALITY, MEMBERSHIP OF A PARTICULAR SOCIAL GROUP OR POLITICAL OPINION, AND ARE OUTSIDE OF AND UNABLE TO RETURN TO THEIR COUNTRY OF NATIONALITY.