



## PROCLAMATION

### International Migrants Day 2025

**WHEREAS**, International Migrants Day, observed each year on December 18, recognizes the dignity, humanity, and contributions of migrants across the globe and calls attention to the complex realities shaping migration today; and

**WHEREAS**, The UN Migration Agency, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), defines a migrant as “any person who is moving or has moved across an international border or within a State away from his/her habitual place of residence, regardless of (1) the person’s legal status; (2) whether the movement is voluntary or involuntary; (3) what the causes for the movement are; or (4) what the length of the stay is”; and

**WHEREAS**, around the world, individuals and families continue to be uprooted by war, violence, climate emergencies, economic hardship, and the pursuit of safety, stability, and opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, this past year marked unprecedented levels of displacement, intensified humanitarian needs, and heartbreaking loss of life for those undertaking perilous journeys, reminding us of the urgent need for global and local commitments to safety, protection, and human rights; and

**WHEREAS**, even in the face of adversity, migrants show strength, perseverance, and hope, and when communities commit to fostering safety, inclusion, and belonging, that resilience is met with support and opportunity, allowing all residents to thrive together; and

**WHEREAS**, migrants strengthen labor forces, enrich cultural life, contribute to local economies, and support families and communities both locally and abroad, benefits that grow when migration pathways are fair, humane, and well supported; and

**WHEREAS**, promoting just, orderly, and compassionate approaches to migration protects human rights, expands economic opportunity, and builds stronger and more inclusive communities for everyone; and

**WHEREAS**, Joliet Township is proudly home to residents who have migrated from many parts of the world, and their experiences, talents, and cultural traditions enrich the social fabric of our Township;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Joliet Township Government hereby proclaims December 18, 2025, as **International Migrants Day** in Joliet Township, and encourages all residents to reflect on the contributions of migrants to both our community and the broader society.

**ADOPTED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December of 2025.

ATTEST:

  
Cesar Guerrero, Township Supervisor

  
Kendra Landfair, Township Clerk