

Proclamation

Immigrant Heritage Month 2026

WHEREAS, the month of June is recognized nationally as Immigrant Heritage Month, a time to honor the histories, cultures, resilience, and contributions of immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and their descendants who have helped shape the United States; and

WHEREAS, Immigrant Heritage Month was established to uplift the stories of individuals and families who have come to this nation from around the world, often seeking safety, dignity, freedom, and opportunity, and whose experiences are deeply woven into the history and identity of this country; and

WHEREAS, immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers are essential to the strength, prosperity, and character of this nation, enriching our culture, sustaining our economy, and strengthening communities across the country through their innovation, labor, civic participation, and leadership. Yet despite these contributions, many continue to face significant barriers to legal protections, healthcare, education, housing, and language access; and

WHEREAS, while the United States has long been seen as a beacon of possibility for people seeking safety, freedom, and a better future, our immigration system remains outdated, overly complex, and is too often marked by obstacles that deny opportunity and undermine basic human dignity, making changes to the system necessary in order to create accessible pathways to citizenship, keep families together, protect the rights of workers and asylum seekers, and ensure that our laws meet the economic and humanitarian needs of the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, meaningful immigration reform is not merely a policy choice but a reaffirmation of our nation's highest ideals of equality, opportunity, and the belief that all people, regardless of immigration status or country of origin, deserve to live free from discrimination, fear, and injustice and to be treated with fairness and respect under the law; and

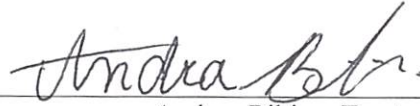
WHEREAS, immigrant rights are human rights and it is the responsibility of our communities to foster inclusion, protect the dignity of immigrant, refugee, and asylum-seeking families, and support policies and practices that advance equity, safety, and opportunity for all; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that Joliet Township Government recognizes June as Immigrant Heritage Month and calls upon all residents to honor the lived experiences and contributions of immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and their descendants, to stand in solidarity with these communities, and uphold a commitment to building a just, welcoming, and equitable society where all people are valued, respected, and protected.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of June of 2026.



Quinn Adamowski, Trustee



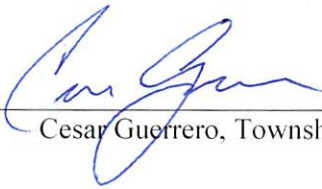
Andrea Bibian, Trustee



Archie Gavin, Trustee



Betty Washington, Trustee



Cesar Guerrero, Township Supervisor

ATTEST:



Kendra Landfair, Township Clerk