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Peace Rally Supports Local Refugee Populations, Agencies, and Efforts

Buffalo, NY-On Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 1pm local organizations will gather in front of the 95 Franklin Street (Old County Hall) to support our local refugee populations, the resettlement agencies, and the resettlement efforts of the many victims suffering from the violence abroad.

In the wake of the tragedies that unfolded in Paris, Beirut and other locations last week, the rally is precipitated by:

- Erie County Legislature's expected vote this Thursday on a resolution calling for a public hearing on accepting additional refugees to our city and region
- The local leaders who have come out to blatantly oppose further resettlement in Buffalo

The co-sponsoring groups include:

- Interfaith Peace Network
- PUSH Buffalo
- National Federation for Just Communities
- 21st Century Park
- WEDI (Westminster Economic Development Initiative)
- WNY Muslims
- WNY Peace Center

These organizations are collaborating with the public at large to support:

- Our local refugee populations, which have successfully integrated into our communities since before 1980, assisted to stabilize neighborhoods, and provided diversity to a city that is rated as the 3rd most segregated in the United States.
- The resettlement agencies that help these families to become acclimated to a better lifestyle with ease and safety.
- Peace and compassion, not just in the Middle East and throughout the world, but in our own community, the City of Good Neighbors, Buffalo, New York.

The need for peace, sharing, and welcoming of refugees and emigrants, as exemplified by our indigenous brothers' and sisters' initial welcoming of newcomers to these shores, will be affirmed by this rally.

See also: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1740340606195988/1740364312860284/>

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