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## NEWS RELEASE

### Welcoming Week in Oakland County Culminates in Festivities at Rahma Worldwide

**Pontiac, Mich., Sept. 13, 2021** – Celebrate Welcoming Week with Oakland County Executive Dave Coulter at Rahma Worldwide in Beverly Hills, Mich. on Friday, Sept. 17 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Welcoming Week is marked by in-person events with songs, dance, and food from around the world.

“Welcoming Week is a time to come together to celebrate the wonderful things that each of our different cultures and backgrounds bring to the community,” Coulter said.

Some featured entertainment at the Welcoming Week celebration will include:

- A yo-yo demonstration by the Association of Chinese Americans
- A Native American dance performance
- An oud player (an oud is a stringed instrument much like the lute)
- The Beans and Cornbread food truck serving free meals

Oakland County Health Division will also host a walk-up COVID-19 vaccine clinic on site for individuals 12 years old and older.

In addition, there will be multiple refugee assistance agencies on hand to assist foreign-born residents who may have questions or needs. Agencies such as Oakland County Workforce Development, Rahma Worldwide, Centro Multicultural La Familia, Samaritas, the Office of Global Michigan, and many others. Since Coulter became county executive in 2019, his administration has made it a priority to ensure all are welcome in Oakland County.

“This year, Welcoming Week comes at an especially opportune time as thousands of people are fleeing Afghanistan,” Coulter said. “We have a responsibility as a country to help them resettle and Oakland County stands ready to accept those who have been caught up in these tragic world events.”

The Welcoming Week event is free and open to all. Rahma Worldwide is located at 31333 Southfield Rd. in Beverly Hills. Welcoming Week runs from Sept. 10 – 19. For more information, click [here](#).