

“WORLD REFUGEE DAY”

WHEREAS *World Refugee Day, 20 June every year, is dedicated to bringing attention to the plight of the world’s refugees; and the City of Victoria is extremely proud of our long successful history of welcoming, settling, retaining and continuing to welcome refugees to our community; and*

WHEREAS *Canada is signatory to the 1951 Convention and its 1967 Protocol; and*

WHEREAS *in 2000, the United Nations General Assembly established June 20th as World Refugee Day; Since 2001, people around the world have celebrated the day with events that honour the world’s more than 25 million refugees and raise awareness around refugee issues; and*

WHEREAS *on 20 June 2019, the City of Victoria and its people join the rest of the world as they commemorate the strength, courage, and resilience of millions of refugees; and*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the day June 20th, 2019 as*
“WORLD REFUGEE DAY” on the HOMELANDS of the Lekwungen speaking
ESQUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATIONS in the CITY OF
VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I hereunto set my hand this June 13th, Two Thousand and Nineteen.*

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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