

“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 have celebrated the day with events that honour the world's more than 25.9 million refugees and raise awareness around refugee issues; and*

WHEREAS: *on 20 June 2020, 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.*

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim Saturday, June 20th, 2020 as “**WORLD REFUGEE DAY**” on the **HOMELANDS** of the Lekwungen speaking **SONGHEES AND ESQUIMALT PEOPLE** in the **CITY OF VICTORIA**, **CAPITAL CITY** of the **PROVINCE** of **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this June 11th, Two Thousand and Twenty.

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
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