



CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

“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 nearly 26 million refugees and raise awareness around refugee issues; and*

WHEREAS *on 20 June 2021, 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 Sunday June 20th, 2021 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 20th day of May, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.*

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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