



## CITY OF VICTORIA

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# 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 over 26.4 million refugees and raise awareness around refugee issues; and*

**WHEREAS** *on 20 June 2022, 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 honour the UN High Commissioner for Refugees' 2022 focus that “every person on this planet has a right to seek safety - whoever they are, wherever they come from and whenever they are forced to flee.”*

**NOW, THEREFORE** *I do hereby proclaim Monday June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.*

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**LISA HELPS**  
**MAYOR**  
**CITY OF VICTORIA**  
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