

“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 Municipality of Victoria is extremely proud of our long successful history of welcoming refugees, settling, retaining and continuing to welcome refugees to our community.*

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 honor the world’s more than 20 million refugees and raise awareness around refugee issues.*

WHEREAS *on 20 June 2016, the city of Victoria and its people joins the rest of the world as they commemorates the strength, courage, and resilience of millions of refugees.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the day June 20th, 2016 as*
“WORLD REFUGEE DAY” in the CITY OF VICTORIA,
CAPITAL CITY of the PROVINCE of BRITISH
COLUMBIA, the TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES of the
ESQUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATIONS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I hereunto set my hand this 9th day of June, Two Thousand and Sixteen.*

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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