

"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 to extend to them support; and*

WHEREAS *the year 2015 marks the 64TH Anniversary of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees; a cornerstone of international protection; and*

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

WHEREAS *on 20 June 2015, the people of Canada will join the rest of the world in commemorating World Refugee Day and the 64TH Anniversary of the 1951 Convention, while also celebrating the contributions of refugees to Canada.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the day June 20th, 2015 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 11th day of June, Two Thousand and Fifteen.*

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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