



Office of the Mayor  
CITY OF VANCOUVER  
BRITISH COLUMBIA

# Proclamation

## "WORLD REFUGEE DAY"

- WHEREAS The General Assembly of the United Nations adopted a resolution naming June 20th as World Refugee Day to celebrate and recognize the courage, strength and contribution of refugees throughout the world;
- AND WHEREAS Canada has a long-standing tradition of providing refuge to persons in need of protection, and is a signatory to the 1951 United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol;
- AND WHEREAS The City of Vancouver has adopted an inclusive Vision and Value Statement that states "Vancouver is a city where immigrants and refugees have the best opportunities to become an integral part of social, economic and cultural fabric of civic life";
- AND WHEREAS The UN estimates that over 103 million persons are displaced worldwide, and 5 million made asylum claims in 2022. Humanity is witnessing the highest levels of displacement on record;
- AND WHEREAS 91,855 claims were made across Canada in 2022; 3,125 claims were made in British Columbia;
- AND WHEREAS The City of Vancouver and its people continue to welcome refugees and make resources available for refugees and their families to start a new life;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ken Sim, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, on behalf of Vancouver City Council DO HEREBY PROCLAIM June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as

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in the City of Vancouver.



Ken Sim  
MAYOR