



Office of the Mayor
CITY OF VANCOUVER
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Proclamation

"WORLD REFUGEE DAY"

- WHEREAS The United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution designating June 20th as World Refugee Day to celebrate and honor the courage, strength, and contributions of refugees worldwide;
- AND WHEREAS Canada has a longstanding tradition of offering refuge to those 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 affirming that "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 United Nations estimates that over 130.8 million persons are displaced worldwide in 133 countries and territories, and 7 million will make asylum claims in 2024. Currently, humanity is witnessing the highest levels of displacement on record;
- AND WHEREAS A record 144,000 claims were made across Canada in 2023, more than 1.5 times the previous record set in 2022; 7,690 of those claims were made in British Columbia;
- AND WHEREAS The City of Vancouver and its residents continue to welcome refugees, providing resources and support to help them and their families begin anew;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ken Sim, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, on behalf of Vancouver City Council, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM June 20, 2024 as

"WORLD REFUGEE DAY"

in the City of Vancouver.

Ken Sim
MAYOR

