



Office of the Mayor
CITY OF VANCOUVER
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Proclamation

"WORLD REFUGEE DAY"

- WHEREAS** The General Assembly of the United Nations unanimously adopted on December 4th, 2000 a resolution naming June 20th every year as World Refugee Day to celebrate and recognize the courage, strength and contribution of refugees;
- 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 WHEREAS** The City of Vancouver has adopted an inclusive Vision and Value Statement concerning Immigrants and Refugees, which states that "Vancouver is a city where immigrants and refugees have the best opportunities to become an integral part of the social, economic and cultural fabric of civic life";
- AND WHEREAS** Of the 4.2 million asylum claims globally, 23,900 were made across Canada in 2020, and 2,256 accepted claimants and their families made BC their home;
- 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, Kennedy Stewart, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM June 20th, 2021 as

"WORLD REFUGEE DAY"

in the City of Vancouver.

Kennedy Stewart
MAYOR

