

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there is an unprecedented number of refugees today, at over 24 million people who are ordinary men, women and children from all over the globe forced to flee their homes and countries because of wars, human rights abuses and fear of persecution because of their race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a social group; and

WHEREAS, more than 10,000 refugees have made Spokane their new home over the past 27 years, many of whom have become U.S. citizens and thriving members of our community, supported by Spokane residents, non-profit organizations, schools, churches, government and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted on December 24, 2000, a resolution naming June 20 as World Refugee Day to honor the contributions, courage and resilience of refugees throughout the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2020 as

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
15th day of June 2020.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Nadine Woodward".

Nadine Woodward
Mayor

