

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there are over 25 million refugees worldwide today who are ordinary men, women, and children 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, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted on December 24, 2000, a resolution naming June 20 of every year as World Refugee Day to honor the contributions, courage, and resilience of refugees throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, World Relief Spokane, supported by residents, non-profit organizations, schools, churches, government, and businesses, has welcomed thousands of refugees to Spokane since 1990, providing intensive support to help them learn to navigate their new lives and become thriving members of our community:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2021 as

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

in Spokane as a tribute to the refugees living in our City and urge all citizens to engage in learning and appreciation of their experiences and cultures.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
11th day of June 2021.

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

Nadine Woodward
Mayor

