

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there are over 26 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 based on 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 20th every year as World Refugee Day to honor the contributions, courage, and resilience of refugees throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Spokane, supported by residents, non-profit organizations, schools, churches, and businesses have welcomed thousands of refugees to our community since 1990, providing intensive support to help them learn to navigate their new lives as they add economic strength and cultural richness to 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, 2022 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 appreciations 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
18th day of April 2022.

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

Nadine Woodward
Mayor

