

# CITY OF SPOKANE



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, there are over 100 million people forcibly displaced worldwide today who are ordinary adults and children from all over the globe 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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, 2023 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  
9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.

Nadine Woodward  
Mayor

