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 20th every year as World Refugee Day to honor the contributions, courage, and resilience of refugees throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the people of Spokane, supported by residents, non-profit organizations, schools, churches, and businesses have welcomed thousands of refugees to our community, 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, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim June 20,2024 as

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

in Spokane as a tribute to the strength and courage of the refugees living in our City.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane, do hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Spokane to be affixed this 12th day of June 2024.

Lisa Brown Mayor

