

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
City of Eugene, Oregon

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** World Refugee Day was established to honor the contributions and resiliency of those forced to flee from their homelands due to violence, persecution, or natural disasters; and
- WHEREAS:** During these trying times, many courageous individuals have made – and continue to make – the difficult decision to leave their native country for safety and opportunity; and
- WHEREAS:** Refugees face daunting challenges relocating to a new community, with new rules, resources, and often a new language; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Eugene supports refugees in establishing housing, employment, healthcare, and meaningful connections in our community; and
- WHEREAS:** The hard-earned wisdom, diverse experiences, and unceasing courage of refugees enrich and strengthen the unique fabric of our community; and
- WHEREAS:** The United Nations High Commission for Refugees has recognized and commemorated June 20th as World Refugee Day since 2001; and
- WHEREAS:** Refugee communities near and far, along with supporters and friends, will observe World Refugee Day on June 20th, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lucy Vinis, Mayor of the City of Eugene, Oregon, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2019, to be:

“World Refugee Day”

in Eugene, Oregon, and encourage all of the citizens of Eugene to join in this observance.



Lucy Vinis

Mayor Lucy Vinis

City of Eugene

June 20, 2019