



Proclamation

World Refugee Day June 20, 2015

WHEREAS, The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is mandated by the United Nations General Assembly to lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and find solutions to refugee problems worldwide;

It is important to recognize that Canada has a long history of helping and protecting refugees, and is signatory to the 1951 United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol;

The United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted on 4 December 2000, a resolution naming June 20th every year as World Refugee Day to build awareness, empathy, support and respect; and

World Refugee Day 2015 recognizes that refugees are ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances, each with a story to tell, a person behind the statistic – doctor, poet, interpreter, son, mother, friend;

The Halifax Regional Municipality and its people continue to welcome refugees and make resources available for refugees and their families to have a dignified life;

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Mike Savage on behalf of Regional Council and the people of HRM do hereby proclaim June 20th, 2015 as "World Refugee Day".

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 20th, day of June, 2015



Original Signed

Mike Savage
Mayor