



Proclamation

World Refugee Day June 20, 2013

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;

The year 2013 marks the 62nd Anniversary of the 1951 Convention relating to the status of refugees;

It is important to recognize that Canada has 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 20 June every year as World Refugee Day to bring attention to the plight of the world's refugees and to extend to them encouragement, support and respect; and

World Refugee day 2013 is dedicated to protecting refugees and providing them with opportunities to rebuild their lives in safety and dignity;

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 Halifax Regional Council and the people of Halifax do hereby proclaim June 20, 2013 as "World Refugee Day".



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Mike Savage
Mayor

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