

Proclamation

World Refugee Day 2022

WHEREAS: World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe. It falls each year on June 20 and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution. World Refugee Day is an occasion to build empathy and understanding for their plight and to recognize their resilience in rebuilding their lives; and

WHEREAS: the City of St. John's is committed to developing a welcoming community and fostering an inclusive environment where diverse cultures are celebrated, and all citizens enjoy full participation in our society; and

WHEREAS: the City of St. John's has partnered with the Association for New Canadians on a Photo Exhibit at City Hall featuring recent refugees titled *Brighter Future...Together*.

WHEREAS: the City encourages all residents to recognize that diversity is our strength and to view this Exhibit as an opportunity to welcome newcomers to their new home and become part of their settlement experience.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Danny Breen, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2022, to be World Refugee Day in the City of St. John's.

Signed at City Hall, St. John's, NL on this 20th day of June, 2022.



Danny Breen, Mayor

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