

# City of Rochester



WHEREAS, in 2001, the United Nations General Assembly dedicated the 20th day of June to be celebrated each year as World Refugee Day; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of World Refugee Day is to draw attention to the plight of 68.5 million individuals world-wide who have been uprooted from their homeland and forced to flee due to conflict or persecution; and

WHEREAS, events will be taking place this week across the world in connection with World Refugee Day; and

WHEREAS, thousands of those displaced individuals have come to Rochester over the years to establish new roots and make this community their home; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rochester recognizes not only the needs of refugees around the world, but also recognizes the valuable contributions that refugees and former refugees have made in the Rochester community.

NOW THEREFORE: I, Kim Norton, Mayor of the City of Rochester, do hereby proclaim June 22nd as

## World Refugee Day

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the corporate seal of the City of Rochester to be affixed this 22nd day of June, 2019.

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Kim Norton, Mayor  
City of Rochester, Minnesota