

PROCLAMATION

of

The City of Wichita, Kansas Founded in 1870

Whereas, more than 22 million people world-wide have been forced out of their countries of origin and resettlement in the United States is available to only a tiny portion of the most vulnerable; and

Whereas, the Wichita community has a long history of welcoming refugees, whether from southeast Asia in the 1980s, or today's refugees from wars in the middle east, Africa and other global flash points; and

Whereas, these New Americans have gone on to become productive members of the Wichita community, adding to the cultural diversity and economic well-being of our community; and

Whereas, the International Rescue Committee (IRC), has resettled almost 1500 refugees in the Wichita metro area since 2012 with IRC-Wichita playing an important role in integrating these New Americans into our community by providing a welcome and assistance with housing, health care, employment services, English classes and intensive case management; and

Whereas, the United Nations has declared June 20th to be World Refugee Day, to call attention to the plight of refugees world-wide.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that I, Jeff Longwell, Mayor of the City of Wichita, Kansas, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, June 20 as

World Refugee Day

in the City of Wichita and encourage all citizens to recognize the contributions of these New Americans to the culture and economic well-being of our City.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeff Longwell".

Jeff Longwell, Mayor

June 19, 2018

Date