

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly decreed in 2001 in Resolution 55/76, to mark the 50th Anniversary of the 1951 Convention on the Status of Refugees with an annual observance of World Refugee Day on June 20; and

WHEREAS, World Refugee Day draws the public's attention to adults and children worldwide who are forced to flee their homes and honors their courage, strength, and determination; and

WHEREAS, America's leadership in international relief efforts has helped expand protections for countless refugees, and provided a home to some of our world's most vulnerable individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Salem City Council approved Resolution No. 2017-22 on February 27, 2017, relating to inclusivity;

WHEREAS, Council on this date affirmed its commitment to making Salem a welcoming and inclusive community for its immigrant and refugee neighbors as well as a community that embraces and celebrates their contributions; and

WHEREAS, thanks to a growing network of community members, businesses, government organizations, nonprofits, resettlement agencies, and faith communities, refugees have the ability to thrive in Salem; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve McCoid, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2018, as

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

and call upon the community to become more aware of issues related to Salem's newest neighbors, and offer friendship and support.

DATED this eleventh day of June, 2018.



Steve McCoid
Mayor Pro Tem