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To Recognize and Celebrate June 20th, 2018 as World Refugee Day in the City of Columbus.

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution 55/76 on December 4, 2000, to officially recognize June 20th as World Refugee Day; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations reports there are currently 22.5 million refugees who have fled their countries and 65.6 million who have been displaced from their homes within their country; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus has a proud history of welcoming refugees by offering a safe and thriving environment to support displaced persons and families seeking a new beginning; and

WHEREAS, there is a network of resettlement agencies who are actively working with the most vulnerable refugees in Columbus regardless of their country of origin or religious beliefs; and

WHEREAS, through resiliency, self-sufficiency and entrepreneurship, local refugees have established new lives and built networks of support and commerce which have had a positive impact in Columbus for new and existing residents; and

WHEREAS, refugees in Columbus have made a significant contribution to our economy by creating over 870 small businesses which employ more than 3,900 people; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council does hereby recognize and celebrate June 20th, 2018 as World Refugee Day and renews its commitment to welcoming and supporting all new residents in the City of Columbus.