

**A PROCLAMATION BY THE CLARKSTON MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
RECOGNIZING JUNE 20, 2021 AS WORLD REFUGEE DAY**

WHEREAS, the year 2001 marked the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees. The UN General Assembly therefore decided that 20 June would be celebrated as World Refugee Day; and

WHEREAS, World Refugee Day honors the strength and courage of refugees and encourages public awareness and support of the refugees, people who have had to flee their homelands because of conflict or natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, refugees and immigrants receive support from many resettlement agencies and organizations, along with numerous nonprofits, businesses, educational institutions, faith based communities, and civic organizations throughout the first years of their resettlement to integrate into the local community and achieve economic and social self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, over 40,000 refugees have come through Georgia over the past three decades, and Clarkston was often the initial welcoming point; and

WHEREAS, Clarkston is known as a Welcoming City and remains committed to building a neighborly community, where all individuals, regardless of race, color, creed, place of origin, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, political affiliation, marital/parental status or military service are welcome, accepted and integrated; and

WHEREAS, Clarkston has been enriched by having refugee join our community, increasing the diversity of our citizenry, helping employers find qualified and reliable workers and creating local businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Mayor and City Council of the City of Clarkston, Georgia, that this governing body do hereby proclaim Sunday, June 20, 2021 as World Refugee Day in the Clarkston to acknowledge the contributions of refugees to our city.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Clarkston recognizes refugees as New Americans and continue to welcome and to support them into our community.

SO ORDAINED, this _____ day of _____, 2021.

ATTEST:

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA

By _____
Tracy Ashby, City Clerk

Beverly H. Burks, Mayor