



## ***PROCLAMATION***

***WHEREAS***, refugees are men, women and children from all parts of the world who are forced to flee their homelands because of wars, human rights crises, and fear of persecution or death due to race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a social group; and

***WHEREAS***, since 1980, the U.S. Refugee Act has represented the United States government's commitment to protecting refugees through resettlement and asylum programs; and

***WHEREAS***, the City of Appleton's Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator office facilitates the Fox Valley Refugee Resettlement team and the City's Public Health Department provides immediate health care screenings for all Appleton refugees and all staff at the City of Appleton strive to better understand and serve our refugee communities; and

***WHEREAS***, the City of Appleton values its strong collaborative relationship with World Relief, the resettlement agency bringing refugees to settle in our community; and

***WHEREAS***, Cory Chisel and Adriel Denae have made The Refuge a welcoming place for all by hosting a World Refugee Day Concert to welcome our new community members with music in collaboration with refugee community members, Cory Chisel, Adriel Denae, Christopher Gold and The New Old Things, J-Council and other artists in residence.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, TIMOTHY M. HANNA***, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin do hereby proclaim June 18, 2016 as

## ***WORLD REFUGEE CELEBRATION DAY***

in Appleton, Wisconsin.

Signed and sealed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.



  
**TIMOTHY M. HANNA**  
**MAYOR OF APPLETON**

