


City of Colwood

Proclamation

Westshore Refugee Sponsorship Group Week

WHEREAS wars, civil strife and discrimination elsewhere have displaced millions of people from their homes and countries of citizenship, resulting in a humanitarian crisis with countless refugees; and

AND WHEREAS The Westshore Refugee Sponsorship Group (www.wrsg.ca), is a group of individuals from the Westshore who have collectively undertaken responsibility as volunteers to sponsor refugees in the Westshore, with wider community support and involvement; and

AND WHEREAS responsibilities of The Westshore Refugee Sponsorship Group include providing one-time financial assistance and/or in-kind contributions to set up and furnish a residence in Colwood, clothe the family and provide monthly income support; and

AND WHEREAS the family will become neighbours, customers, employees, students, and friends of Colwood residents, providing economic benefits; and

AND WHEREAS many residents will knowingly or unknowingly assist the refugees' integration into a caring Colwood and Canadian society; and

AND WHEREAS a gala fundraiser with *The Ladies of Jazz and Gospel* will take place at Colwood's Olympic View Golf Course on Saturday, June 25, 2016; and

NOW THEREFORE:

I, Carol Hamilton, Mayor of the City of Colwood, do hereby proclaim the week of June 20th to June 24th, 2016 to be Westshore Refugee Sponsorship group Week in the City of Colwood.



Mayor Carol Hamilton

