

**City of Providence**

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

*No. 325*

**Approved June 24, 2019**

WHEREAS, World Refugee Day acknowledges the courage, strength, and determination of women, men, and children forced to flee their homes because of persecution or conflict; and

WHEREAS, Refugees are the most vetted travelers to enter the United States and are subject to extensive screening checks, including in-person interviews, biometric data checks, and multiple interagency checks; and

WHEREAS, Refugees contribute to local economies in the United States, pay an average of \$21,000 more in taxes than they receive in benefits, revitalize cities and towns by offsetting population decline, and boost economic growth throughout the United States by opening businesses, paying taxes, and buying homes; and

WHEREAS, Several industries rely heavily on refugee workers to support economic stability, and low rates of refugee arrival has impacted economic growth, especially in towns that rely on refugee populations to revitalize their industries; and

WHEREAS, Refugee children are 5 times more likely not to be in school than non-refugee children; and

WHEREAS, Refugee women and children are often at greater risk of violence, human trafficking, exploitation, and gender-based violence.

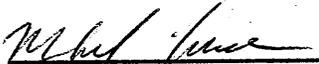
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council does hereby proclaim June 22, 2019 as "World Refugee Day" to commemorate people in hundreds of cities and refugee camps around the world and to celebrate this day to honor and recognize the experience of refugees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Providence commends The Refugee Dream Center, a Rhode Island-based 501(c)(3) organization that provides direct services such as English language education, case management services, youth education and mentoring, and health programs; and their creation of opportunities to assist refugees in their journey towards successful integration into American society.

**IN CITY COUNCIL**

**JUN 20 2019**

**READ AND PASSED**

  
**PRES.**

  
**CLERK**

**I HEREBY APPROVE.**

  
**Mayor**  
Date: 6/24/19