## From the Governing Body of the City of Tallahassee

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, June 20, 2018 is internationally designated and recognized as World Refugee Day, where individuals worldwide honor the strength, perseverance and determination of millions of refugees who, as a result of persecution on the basis of their religious belief, political opinion or race, or for belonging to a particular class or ethnic group, have fled their home country or have been displaced due to civil strife or fear of persecution; and

WHEREAS, the first step to protecting refugees is recognizing their plight; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tallahassee recognizes and respects the resiliency of refugees; and

WHEREAS, the International Rescue Committee, and many other groups, work to restore hope, meaning and economic self-sufficiency to the lives of refugees; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tallahassee has welcomed and is home to refugees from countries around the world.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Andrew Gillum, as Mayor of the City of Tallahassee, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, June 20, 2018 as

## World Refugee Day

To acknowledge the lives of refugees and the human right to a safe place that one may refer to as "home".



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THIS CITY TO BE AFFIXED.

MAYOR Andrew D. Billum

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ June 20, 2018

