



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](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> to June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to be Westshore Refugee Sponsorship group Week in the City of Colwood.

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Mayor Carol Hamilton





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Date: June 1, 2016

Hilary Mackey  
12-630 Brookside Road  
Victoria, BC V9C 0B3

Dear Ms. Hilary Mackey:

**RE: Westshore Refugee Sponsorship Group Week**

I am enclosing a copy of a proclamation signed by Her Worship, Mayor Carol Hamilton, proclaiming the week of June 20th to 24th, as *Westshore Refugee Sponsorship Group Week*, in the City of Colwood.

This proclamation will be posted on Friday, June 3rd, 2016 at City Hall.

Yours truly,

Ian Howat  
Chief Administrative Officer

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