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**To:** Gallagher, Mary  
**Subject:** RE: WRD 2012 UNHCR Proclamation

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From: Alexandria Tadman [mailto:TADMAN@unhcr.org]  
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 1:59 PM  
To: Office of the Mayor  
Subject: WRD 2012 UNHCR Proclamation

To whom it may concern,

Every year the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) celebrates World Refugee Day on June 20. I am writing to you because each year we request for a proclamation by the city of Hamilton.

I have prepared a proclamation that is attached to this e mail.

Thank you in advance.

All the best,

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English version:

WHEREAS, The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is mandated by the United Nations General Assembly to lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and find solutions to refugee problems worldwide;

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize that Canada has long history of helping and protecting refugees, and is signatory to the 1951 United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol;

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted on 4 December 2000, a resolution naming 20 June every year as World Refugee Day to bring attention to the plight of the world's refugees and to extend to them encouragement, support and respect; and

WHEREAS, World Refugee day 2012 is dedicated to protecting refugees and providing them with opportunities to rebuild their lives in safety and dignity;

WHEREAS, The City of (name of the city) and its people continue to welcome refugees and make resources available for refugees and their families to have a dignified life;

THEREFORE, I, Mayor (name of the Mayor), on behalf of (name of the city) Council and the people of (name of the city) do hereby proclaim June 20, 2012 as "World Refugee Day".