



Proclamation

of the

City of Crescent City and County of Del Norte

WHEREAS, for nearly 70 years, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (“UNHCR”) has provided international protection and assistance to refugees, asylum seekers and other person of concern and has sought durable solutions to their problems; and

WHEREAS, the UNHCR helps and protects refugees and people displaced by violence, conflict and persecution and with its partners, provides lifesaving essentials including shelter, water, food, safety and protection to survive, recover and build a better future; and

WHEREAS, the United States government has resettled refugees in our community, and has granted asylum to thousands of refugees from around the world who now call the United States home; and

WHEREAS, the refugees who live in and contribute to our communities have rebuilt their lives after fleeing conflict and persecution in their home countries for fear of their lives; and

WHEREAS, refugees make critical contributions to the economic growth, cultural and spiritual diversity of our community; and

WHEREAS, many Hmong refugees and their families immigrated to the United States, and today over 600 Hmong Americans call Del Norte County their home; and

WHEREAS, like many immigrant groups before them, Hmong refugees resettled to the United States to escape war and persecution, to find opportunities, and to better their lives and the lives of their children; and

WHEREAS, Hmong Americans are helping build a vibrant and diverse community, contributing socially, politically, and economically to our City and County.

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2000, the United Nations General Assembly created World Refugee Day to recognize and honor the contribution of refugees throughout the world; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City Council of the City of Crescent City and the Board of Supervisors of the County of Del Norte will join in solidarity with our Sister City of Rikuzentakata, Iwate Prefecture, Japan, in recognizing June 20th to be World Refugee Day.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the City of Crescent City and the County of Del Norte join the efforts to support and recognize World Refugee Day by lighting the Battery Point Lighthouse in blue lights which symbolize the plight of refugees around the world on June 19th, 20th, and 21st, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the City of Crescent City and the County of Del Norte join with more than 200 other communities around the world in the Cities #WithRefugees coalition to celebrate welcoming traditions and that we will continue to welcome and support refugees in our community as they rebuild their lives and discover their new home.

Mayor Blake Inscore

Chairman Gerry Hemmingsen