

Proclamation

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

WHEREAS, *Lutheran Services Florida, a non-profit, charitable human care agency is dedicated to helping all refugees and people in need, regardless of religious affiliation, race, age, or national origin, build new lives in freedom and become self-sufficient, productive members of the community; and*

WHEREAS, *since 1982 Lutheran Services Florida has provided assistance to more than 200,000 refugees fleeing religious and political persecution, as well as over 550,000 at-risk children, the frail elderly, and families in crisis; and*

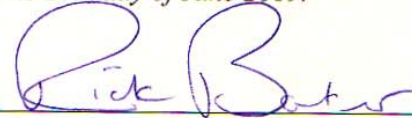
WHEREAS, *Lutheran Services Florida, Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, World Relief, Catholic Charities and other non-profit organizations performing refugee support services in the greater St. Petersburg area are commemorating World Refugee Day on June 20, 2009; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK BAKER, Mayor of the City of St. Petersburg do hereby proclaim Saturday, June 20, 2009 as

World Refugee Day

in St. Petersburg and I urge residents to join with me in recognizing the importance of refugee support services in our community and around the world.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of St Petersburg, County Pinellas and the State of Florida to be affixed this 20th day of June 2009.



Rick Baker, Mayor

