

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, human trafficking involves recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for some type of labor act and/or commercial sexual exploitation; and
- WHEREAS, human trafficking involves the commercial sexual exploitation and/or labor of persons of any age where force, fraud, or coercion exist and often unequally intersect with race, class and income; and
- WHEREAS, due to the isolating nature of human trafficking, many individuals are unaware that this crime even exists in their own neighborhoods; and
- WHEREAS, we continue to advocate for increased education in how to identify and prevent human trafficking with improved victim identification, training of teachers, first responders, medical providers and social service programs for survivors, as well as increased public awareness as critical elements to ending human trafficking; and
- WHEREAS, January 2011 marked the first National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month; and
- WHEREAS, the city of Vancouver has an enduring commitment to protect the rights of those who are exploited while holding traffickers, exploiters, and buyers accountable for the harm they cause; and
- WHEREAS this day, and this month, serves as an opportunity to recognize the critical role each of us play in creating a world in which no person is ever bought, sold, or exploited again;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim January 2023 as:

“Human Trafficking Prevention Month”

in Vancouver, and further resolve that the City of Vancouver stands with the Human Trafficking Task Force of Clark County, WA, to help end modern-day slavery and exploitation in our community.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 9th day of January, 2022.


ANNE McENERNY-OGLE, MAYOR