

PROCLAMATION



Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a form of modern slavery that occurs across the country, wherein victims are forced to work in various forms of exploitative labor including commercial sex acts and other services that are induced through force, fraud, or coercion; and

WHEREAS, due to its isolated and discrete nature, many people are unaware that trafficking exists in their communities; and

WHEREAS, according to the International Labor Organization there are 40.3 million victims of human trafficking globally, and in the United States, our youngest populations are most vulnerable to exploitation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Appleton is committed to fighting human trafficking through investigation, apprehension, and prosecution and is working diligently to bring awareness to the fact that human trafficking occurs closer to home than we might think; and

WHEREAS, Human Trafficking Awareness Day is an opportunity to recognize the critical role we all play in prevention of these violent crimes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim January 11, 2023 as

Human Trafficking Awareness Day

in Appleton and encourage residents to increase awareness about identification of human trafficking along with becoming familiar with resources and services that can help decrease the number of future victims.

Signed and sealed this 3rd day of January 2023.



JACOB A. WOODFORD
MAYOR OF APPLETON