

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Human Trafficking Awareness Month was established in January 2011 to proclaim the equality and freedom inherent to all people, to advocate for legislation and protections for survivors, to educate leaders, and to encourage public awareness and action against various forms of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, today, millions of men, women, and children are forced into domestic servitude, forced labor, and the sex industry; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking can affect anyone, regardless of race, religion, occupation, educational level, culture, socio-economic status or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, people of color, youth and young adults, trans and GBLTI populations, and those made vulnerable through socio-economic barriers are disproportionately affected; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle's Coordinated Efforts Against Sexual Exploitation (CEASE) is a collaborative among community-based victim service providers, Seattle Human Services Department, and Seattle criminal justice partners to provide wraparound supportive services for identified victims/survivors of sex trafficking; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle invests over one million dollars in a comprehensive network of social services, values survivor leadership, and reaffirms a commitment to a specialized criminal justice response to human trafficking that addresses the needs of survivors and holds perpetrators accountable; and

WHEREAS, annually, more than 400 clients receive advocacy, counseling, flexible client assistance, shelters/housing and therapeutic services as a result of this investment; and

WHEREAS, to change belief systems and practices that support the exploitation of some for the benefit of others that disproportionately affects people of color and other marginalized people requires the participation and commitment of the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Seattle is striving to become a place where human trafficking does not exist, where people have opportunities available to them so as not to fall into financial vulnerability, and where all people are treated as fully human and worthy of fair pay, safe working conditions, and freedom;

*THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL PROCLAIM THE MONTH
OF JANUARY 2022 TO BE*

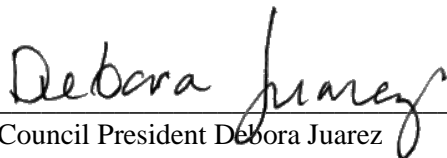
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AND JANUARY 11, 2022, TO BE

Human Trafficking Awareness Day




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Councilmember Andrew J. Lewis




Councilmember Tammy J. Morales



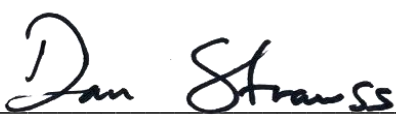
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