

**ROSEVILLE**  
**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Date: January 4, 2021  
Item No.: 5.b

Department Approval



City Manager Approval



Item Description: Proclaiming Human Trafficking Awareness Month

**BACKGROUND**

In 2019, the City of Roseville piloted a program highlighting a specific monthly proclamation with additional programming. In 2019 those proclamations were Human Trafficking Awareness month (January) and Hispanic Heritage month (September 15 – October 15). The additional programming brought greater awareness to the issues and topics of each proclamation. The intention for 2020 was to continue integrating all proclamations into existing programming and further highlighting the importance of each through various channels. Given the unique situation of 2020, this was put on hold.

In 2021, the City will be partnering with CTV, Visit Roseville, the Roseville Police Foundation and Rotary on a collaborative partnership to bring further awareness to the issue of human trafficking.

**POLICY OBJECTIVE**

Proclamations are issued to recognize the importance of a community event, significant achievements by a community member or group, or to increase public awareness of a worthy cause.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Read and approve the proclamation and proclaim January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

**REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

Proclaim January as Human Trafficking Awareness month in the City of Roseville and read the proclamation.

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Attachments: A. Proclamation



## Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month January, 2021

**Whereas:** Human trafficking is a nationwide public health and civil rights crisis. Its victims and survivors are everywhere, with Roseville being no exception; and

**Whereas:** Human Trafficking includes both labor and sex trafficking, with both international and domestic victims; and

**Whereas:** Anyone can become a victim of trafficking. While women and girls are the primary victims, victims/survivors come from every background, race, gender, sexual orientation, and economic status. Traffickers target individuals who, for any reason, are vulnerable; and

**Whereas:** Young people are particularly vulnerable to trafficking and exploitation but face many barriers in reporting what has happened to them. Minnesota's Safe Harbor Law recognizes that any youth under the age of 18 who comes forward will no longer face criminal prosecution and will instead receive comprehensive and trauma-informed services. Safe Harbor also seeks to provide communities across Minnesota with the knowledge, skills and resources to effectively identify and work with sexually exploited and at-risk youth; and

**Whereas:** All communities must seek to prevent human trafficking before it can occur, by, promoting safe, healthy, and supportive environments; and

**Whereas:** The City of Roseville is striving to become a place where human trafficking does not exist, where people have opportunities available to them, and where all people are treated as fully human and worthy of a supportive community and freedom.

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved** that the City of Roseville declares January as Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention month.

**In Witness whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Roseville be affixed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

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Mayor Daniel J. Roe