

Proclaiming January 2015 as Human Trafficking Prevention Month

WHEREAS, Human trafficking has a 32 billion dollar annual profit with 27 million people held in modern day slavery across the world, with between 14,500-17,500 victims trafficked into the United States and 1 million children exploited annually by commercial sex trade; and,

WHEREAS, Many immigrant victims trafficked into the United States do not speak or understand English, are held captive and isolated, and are unaware of their rights and unable to access services or ask for help, and both U.S citizen and non-citizen men, women and children can be victims of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Human trafficking is a crime hidden in plain sight, and it touches all of our lives through the people we love, the food we eat, the clothes we wear, and by its unseen presence in our communities: Yet, many are unaware that human trafficking exists in our own backyard, in our own community, in Spokane.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ben Stuckart, Spokane City Council President, and Members of Spokane City Council do hereby proclaim January 2015 as Human Trafficking Prevention Month;

And we encourage all our citizens to join Lutheran Community Services Northwest and Partners through Arts to attend a Candlelight Vigil to honor the victims and survivors of human trafficking.

This is a free community event that offers survivors and the general public an opportunity to take a stand against human trafficking.

Sunday, January 11, 2015 at River Park Square-Mall, Art walk through 2:30pm; Vigil 3:00pm-4:00pm.

I, Ben Stuckart, Spokane City Council President,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this 5th day of January in 2015

Ben Stuckart

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Spokane City Council President