

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, human trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of forced labor or sexual servitude; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a 32-billion dollar a year global criminal enterprise and a civil and human rights violation. Approximately 27 million people are trafficked across the world, with between 14,500-17,500 people trafficked into the United States each year and with one million children exploited annually by the commercial sex trade; and

WHEREAS, victims of human trafficking are lured by false promises of employment, educational opportunities, false job promises, or even loving romantic relationships. The victims can be of any age, race, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, socioeconomic background, U.S. Citizens, permanent residents and foreign nationals;

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:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim January 2020 as

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
6th day of January in 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nadine Woodward".

Nadine Woodward
Mayor

