

# CITY OF SPOKANE



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the United States was founded upon the principle that all people are created with the unalienable right to freedom, and added the 13th Amendment to the Constitution making slavery illegal; and human trafficking is modern-day slavery, claiming nearly 40 million victims worldwide, and found in the United States most often in the form of sexual exploitation, forced labor, involuntary servitude, and debt bondage; and

**WHEREAS**, this horrific crime, which denies human dignity and freedom, and fuels organized crime, exists in our nation, our state and our own community; every business, community organization, faith community, family and individual can make a difference by choosing products that are not made by forced labor; by working to protect our young people from sexual exploitation; and by becoming more aware of the problem and possible solutions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Spokane Inland Northwest Human Trafficking Task Force has been working for a decade to abolish all forms of human trafficking through education, prevention and intervention; and works collaboratively to provide advocacy, support, empowerment, healing, and justice:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim January 2021 as

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and encourage all our citizens to become more informed on this growing problem, to be vigilant and report suspicious activity, and to work towards solutions to end trafficking in all its forms in our community.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this  
21<sup>st</sup> day of December 2020.

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

Nadine Woodward  
Mayor

