

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2017, AS SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, since 2007, January 11th is annually observed as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, beginning in 2010, by Presidential Proclamation, each January has been designated National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, millions of men, women, and children are subject to modern-day slavery through human trafficking, and there have been cases of human trafficking reported in all 50 U.S. states; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, there have been 38 human trafficking cases in Oklahoma reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline last year, and 296 cases in Oklahoma reported since 2007; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the goals of Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month are to acknowledge human trafficking as a relevant problem; to support victims and survivors of trafficking in the local, national, and international community; to encourage the local community to act and interact to prevent this injustice by learning the signs of trafficking, donating to local shelters, and/or donating time in some way; and to begin the year with awareness and a drive to act.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 6. Do hereby proclaim the month of January, 2017, as Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month in the City of Norman and encourage all citizens to promote awareness and work together to help prevent exploitation and eradicate human trafficking.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of January, 2017.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

