

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE
CITY OF FLAGLER BEACH COMMISSIONERS
RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2025 AS
HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH**

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 is a crime as well as a civil and human rights violation and an estimated 25 million people are currently victims of human trafficking for both sex and labor; and

WHEREAS, Human traffickers prey on their victims by promising a life of hope and greater opportunity, while delivering only enslavement. Instead of delivering people to better lives, traffickers unjustifiably profit from the labor and toil of their victims, who they force — through violence and intimidation — to work in brothels and factories, on farms and fishing vessels, in private homes, and in countless industries; and

WHEREAS, January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, we commit ourselves to eradicating the evil of enslavement. Human trafficking is a modern form of the oldest and most barbaric type of exploitation and we proclaim it has no place in world, our Nation or our city; and

WHEREAS, this month we do not simply reflect on this appalling reality. We also pledge to do all in our power to end the horrific practice of human trafficking that plagues innocent victims not only around the world, but in our own neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, more awareness and education is crucial to eradicating human trafficking in our communities, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Flagler County Advocates Alliance is working together to increase public understanding of this problem and mobilize community efforts to end Human Trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Human Trafficking Awareness Day is observed on January 11 in municipalities across the country to educate the public and raise awareness about human trafficking.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY OF FLAGLER BEACH COMMISSIONERS that they hereby declare **January 2025** as “**Human Trafficking Awareness Month**” in Flagler County and urge all citizens of Flagler County to become a part of the community response to end Human Trafficking and to send the message that this crime will not be tolerated in our community.

Adopted this 9th day of January 2025.

Patti King, Mayor