



## PROCLAMATION

### Declaring January 2025 as Human Trafficking Prevention Month

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking is a public health issue and crime that harms the health and well-being of individuals, families and communities, often across generations;

**WHEREAS**, nearly 25 years after the passing of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, an estimated 27.6 million people are subjected to human trafficking globally, with cases reported in every U.S. state and territory;

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking can happen to anyone, but certain populations are at greater risk, including people affected by abuse, violence, poverty, unstable living situations or social disconnection;

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking is connected to many other forms of violence and exploitation, and often shares common risk and protective factors – such as lack of resources and unsafe environments;

**WHEREAS**, “*Connecting the Dots. Strengthening Communities. Preventing Trafficking.*” underscores the need to understand how human trafficking relates to other forms of violence and how we can prevent it by strengthening protective factors at the individual, relational, community, and societal levels.

**WHEREAS**, strengthening communities requires collective action to reduce the conditions that contribute to exploitation, build resilience, and create environments where people are protected from human trafficking and other forms of violence.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jefferson City is committed to ensuring that those impacted by human trafficking receive services that are trauma-informed and responsive to their individual needs;

**WHEREAS**, a successful response to human trafficking requires a coordinated, community-wide effort that includes collaboration across sectors and with those who have experienced human trafficking firsthand, to ensure that services and programs are effective and meet the needs of all survivors;

**WHEREAS**, every individual, family, community, and organization can help raise awareness, prevent trafficking, and support survivors by learning how to take action at [acf.hhs.gov/endtrafficking](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/endtrafficking);

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitch Cain, Mayor of Jefferson City**, do hereby proclaim **January 2025** as **Human Trafficking Prevention Month**, reaffirming our commitment to “*Connecting the Dots. Strengthening Communities. Preventing Trafficking.*” by increasing awareness, improving education on human trafficking, making resources available for individuals and communities impacted by human trafficking, and building diverse public-private partnerships to support a more coordinated, comprehensive response to prevent and combat human trafficking.

Signed this 6th day of January, 2025.

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Mitch Cain, Mayor