



## **HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking is a grave violation of human rights and a serious crime that involves the exploitation of individuals through force, fraud, or coercion for labor or commercial purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking affects individuals of all ages, genders, and backgrounds, including children and youth, and can occur in urban, suburban, and rural communities; and

**WHEREAS**, victims of human trafficking may be found in a variety of industries and situations, including labor and online exploitation, and often suffer significant physical, emotional, and psychological harm; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention through education, awareness, and community engagement is critical to identifying trafficking, supporting survivors, and reducing vulnerability; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kerman is committed to promoting the safety, dignity, and well-being of all residents and to working collaboratively with community partners, service providers, and law enforcement to prevent human trafficking; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the dedicated staff of Breaking the Chains and others who work diligently to fight human trafficking and modern-day slavery.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the City Council of the City of Kerman proclaims the month of January as Human Trafficking Prevention Month and encourages all residents to increase awareness, learn the signs of human trafficking, and support the efforts to protect and empower victims and survivors.

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Kerman to be affixed on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

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Maria Pacheco  
Mayor