

## PROCLAMATION

### Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month

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

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking can happen to anyone in every community. Human trafficking is connected to many other forms of violence and exploitation, and often shares common risk factors such as lack of resources and unsafe environments;

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

**WHEREAS**, a successful response to human trafficking requires a coordinated, community-wide response that includes collaboration across sectors and with those who have experienced human trafficking, 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; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ranae Bartlett, Mayor of the City of Madison, Alabama do hereby proclaim the month of

**January 2026**

**as**

**Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month**

in the City of Madison, Alabama, and be designated as a Trafficking Free Zone supporting a more coordinated, comprehensive response to prevent and combat the crime of human trafficking.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Madison, Alabama to be affixed, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

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Ranae Bartlett, Mayor