



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a grave violation of human rights that involves the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or sex through force, fraud, or coercion and affects people in communities across the United States and around the world;

WHEREAS, human trafficking is typically under-reported and victims are often “hidden in plain sight,” making community awareness and vigilance critical tools to identify, report, and prevent this crime;

WHEREAS, the United States Senate designated January 11 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day to raise awareness of this crime, recognizing its impact on individuals, families, and communities, with numerous federal and nonprofit initiatives encouraging public involvement on this date;

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign and other partners have designated “Wear Blue Day” on January 11 each year as a focal point during National Human Trafficking Prevention Month in January, encouraging individuals and organizations to wear blue in solidarity with victims and in support of anti-trafficking education and action; and

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness and understanding of human trafficking empowers community members to recognize and report suspected activity to law enforcement and victim support services, including the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888, text BEFREE (233733), or through online reporting.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeremy Grimm, Mayor of Sandpoint, Idaho, do hereby proclaim January 11, 2026, as Human Trafficking Awareness Day / “Wear Blue Day” in the City of Sandpoint and call upon all residents, businesses, community organizations, and educational institutions to wear blue on January 11 as a visible sign of unity in awareness and prevention and to support survivors and efforts to end human trafficking in our community and beyond.

Proclaimed this 7th Day of January 2026 in the
City of Sandpoint, Bonner County, Idaho.

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Jeremy Grimm, Mayor