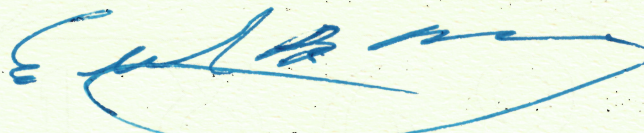


PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Human Trafficking Awareness Month was established in January 2011 to proclaim the equality and freedom inherent to all people, to advocate for legislation and protections for survivors, to educate leaders, and to encourage public awareness and action against various forms of human trafficking; and
- WHEREAS,** today, millions of men, women, and children are forced into domestic servitude, forced labor, and the sex industry; and
- WHEREAS,** human trafficking can affect anyone, regardless of race, religion, occupation, educational level, culture, socio-economic status or sexual orientation; and
- WHEREAS,** people of color and those made vulnerable through socio-economic barriers are disproportionately affected; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Seattle invests in a comprehensive network of social services, and a specialized criminal justice response to human trafficking that addresses the needs of survivors and holds perpetrators accountable for their actions; and
- WHEREAS,** Seattle is striving to become a place where human trafficking does not exist, where people have opportunities available to them so as not to fall into financial vulnerability, and where all people are treated as fully human and worthy of fair pay, safe working conditions, and freedom;

*NOW, THEREFORE I, EDWARD B. MURRAY, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY
PROCLAIM, JANUARY 2016, TO BE*

Human Trafficking Awareness Month



Mayor Edward B. Murray
City of Seattle

