City of Seattle

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 people 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 socioeconomic barriers are disproportionately affected; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle invests in a comprehensive network of social services, values survivor leadership, and reaffirms a commitment to a specialized response to human trafficking that addresses the needs of survivors and holds perpetrators accountable; and

WHEREAS, to change belief systems and practices that support the exploitation of some for the benefit of others requires the participation and commitment of the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Seattle strives 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 JENNY DURKAN, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM, JANUARY 2020, TO BE

Human Trafficking Awareness Month
AND, JANUARY 10, 2020, TO BE

Human Trafficking Awareness Day

[Signature]
Mayor Jenny A. Durkan
City of Seattle