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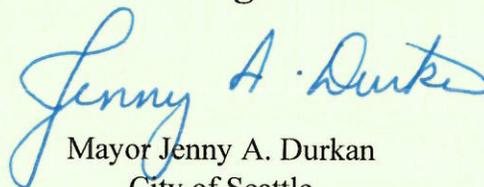
- WHEREAS,** Human Trafficking Awareness Month was established in January 2011 to proclaim the equality and freedom inherent to all people, to advocate for legislation and protections for survivors, to educate leaders, and to encourage public awareness and action against various forms of human trafficking; 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



Mayor Jenny A. Durkan
City of Seattle

