



CITY OF ROCHESTER  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** *Human trafficking is a form of modern day slavery and is a crime against humanity that violates the most basic human rights; New York has the fifth highest call volume to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center of all 50 states; and*
- WHEREAS:** *Human trafficking occurs when an adult or child is recruited, harbored, obtained, or exported through force, fraud or coercion for the purposes of sexual exploitation, forced labor, involuntary servitude, debt bondage and other methods of slavery; and*
- WHEREAS:** *Nationally, the criminal enterprise of human trafficking is second only to the illegal drug trade, in terms of the speed of its growth and being among the most lucrative; traffickers typically use multiple means to control their victims including: beatings, rape, isolation, drug or alcohol dependency, document withholding, and psychological and emotional abuse; and*
- WHEREAS:** *In the U.S. each year, as many as 100,000 – 300,000 American children are at risk of being trafficked for commercial sex; girls and boys in the commercial sex trade are as young as 11 years old; and*
- WHEREAS:** *Human trafficking takes place in the city, suburbs and rural regions; and*
- WHEREAS:** *Through the Rochester Regional Coalition Against Human Trafficking, our local community unites to combat this modern day slavery by bringing together non-profits, faith organizations, and individuals in prevention, community education, awareness and recovery efforts to restore freedom and dignity to survivors.*

Therefore, I, Lovely A. Warren, Mayor of the City of Rochester, do hereby proclaim the month of January, 2017 as:

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year 2017.

Signed

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Lovely A. Warren'.

Mayor, Rochester, New York

