



CITY OF ROCHESTER
CITY COUNCIL OFFICE

Proclamation

Whereas, we as a City are dedicated to ensuring access to supportive services and compassionate assistance to all those who have been victims of human trafficking. We recognize that an act so loathsome, one that attempts to strip our fellow person of his or her basic humanity, is occurring in our own community and across the globe; and

Whereas, the statistics are alarming, millions of men, women, and children are exploited every year: coerced into prostitution, forced and tricked into unsafe labor, and exploited by those they trusted for help. These criminal acts are a form of modern-day slavery that cannot and will not be tolerated; and

Whereas, in Monroe County alone, 120 youth during the course of a single year were referred to agencies as possible victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation, many having experienced trauma in form of mental, physical, or sexual abuse, and with a history of unsecure housing and homelessness; and

Whereas, as a community we must make ourselves more aware of the warning signs of human trafficking; we need to be willing to report a situation when there is a concern that an injustice taking place; we must be conscientious consumers and learn about where and how the products we use are made; and

Whereas, we are grateful to have organizations locally that are working on behalf of those who are disenfranchised and victimized by human trafficking. The thoughtful, caring leadership and resolute devotion displayed by those working on behalf of these individuals is inspiring, and our community is made better by their actions.

Now, Therefore, we, Council President Loretta C. Scott, Vice President Dana K. Miller, and Councilmembers Adam C. McFadden, Carolee A. Conklin, Elaine M. Spaul, Matt Haag, Jacklyn Ortiz, Michael A. Patterson and Molly Clifford of the City of Rochester do hereby proclaim January 11th 2017 to be a day to raise awareness of the important work done by and graciously thank:

THE ROCHESTER REGIONAL COALITION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING


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