

# PROCLAMATION



## Office of the Mayor

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking is a form of modern slavery that occurs across the country, wherein victims are forced to work in various forms of exploitative labor including commercial sex acts and other services that are induced through force, fraud, or coercion; and

**WHEREAS**, due to its isolated and discrete nature, many people are unaware that trafficking exists in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020 there were 109,216 victims of human trafficking identified worldwide, and in the United States, our youngest populations are most vulnerable to exploitation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Appleton is committed to fighting human trafficking through investigation, apprehension, and prosecution and is working diligently to bring awareness to the fact that human trafficking occurs closer to home than we might think; and

**WHEREAS**, Human Trafficking Awareness Day is an opportunity to recognize the critical role we all play in prevention of these violent crimes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD**, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim January 11, 2022 as

## Human Trafficking Awareness Day

in Appleton and encourage residents to increase awareness about identification of human trafficking along with becoming familiar with resources and services that can help decrease the number of future victims.

Signed and sealed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.



**JACOB A. WOODFORD**  
MAYOR OF APPLETON