



Anti-Human Trafficking Month

January 2023

Whereas, human trafficking is a global plague that impacts millions of people each year, including tens of thousands of Americans; and

Whereas, the United States ranks as one of the worst countries globally for human trafficking; and

Whereas, Arizona ranks in the top 15 states with the highest rates of human trafficking per capita; and

Whereas, human trafficking impacts people across all demographics and ages, including teenagers and children; and

Whereas, the battle against human trafficking includes supporting efforts in schools, churches, non-profits, law enforcement, and businesses to prevent human trafficking; intervene, disrupt, and dismantle human trafficking syndicates; and provide resources to and support for victims of human trafficking.

Whereas, the City of Avondale joins schools, churches, non-profit organizations, law enforcement, government partners and the NotInOurCity.org movement in our commitment to increase public awareness of the human trafficking epidemic that impacts our communities, state, nation, and world.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kenneth Weise, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Avondale, Arizona, and along with the entire Avondale City Council, do hereby proclaim January 2023 as Anti-Human Trafficking Month. I urge our resident and partners to work together to eliminate trafficking from our community and support the efforts of front-line organizations and law enforcement in their battle against human trafficking and to take a stand and say NOT IN OUR CITY!

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk