



**PROCLAMATION  
ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING MONTH**

**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, federal and state coalitions and the NotInOurCity.org movement in our commitment to increase public awareness of the human trafficking epidemic that impacts our community, state, nation, and world.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Mike Pineda, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Avondale, Arizona do hereby proclaim January 2025 as Anti-Human Trafficking Month and urge all residents 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.

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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City Clerk