



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH – JANUARY 2022

WHEREAS, the problem of human trafficking is enormous, with traffickers exploiting an estimated 24.9 million victims worldwide; and

WHEREAS, traffickers are motivated by money, and human trafficking has estimated profits exceeding \$150 billion dollars per year; and

WHEREAS, anyone can be a trafficking victim. Human trafficking includes forced labor and sex trafficking, and it affects children and adults, citizens and visitors, women and men, and girls and boys; and

WHEREAS, the average age of initial human trafficking entry into the commercial sex industry in the United States is 13 years old; and

WHEREAS, traffickers often tailor their tactics to the unique vulnerabilities of each victim. They can lie, isolate, control, intimidate, beat, torture, and abuse; and

WHEREAS, cases of human trafficking have been reported in all 72 Wisconsin counties; and

WHEREAS, the Rock County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force was established in the spring of 2017. Their mission is to develop and maintain a community network that serves to educate, prevent, and respond to victims who have been or are at-risk of being trafficked.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anissa Welch, Mayor of the City of Milton, do hereby proclaim January 2022 as Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

Further, the Common Council encourages community members to attend the Community Panel on January 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. presented by the Rock County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force, the YWCA of Rock County, and the Milton Police Department to learn more about more about human trafficking and to find out ways you can help.

Signed this 4th day of January, 2022

Mayor Anissa M. Welch

Attest:

Jenny Salvo, City Clerk