

2016 Human Trafficking Awareness Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery in which victims are forced to work in various forms of labor exploitation including, but not limited to, commercial sex acts, migrant and seasonal farm and ranch workers, and other services that are induced through force, fraud, or coercion; and

WHEREAS, due to its isolating nature, many individuals across the globe are unaware that trafficking exists in their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 20 million men, women, and children around the world are victims of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, increased education about how to identify human trafficking, along with improved victim identification, medical and social services, training for first responders, and increased public awareness, and with increased knowledge of in-state resources and services, the men, women, and children who have suffered this criminal atrocity can overcome the bonds of modern slavery, receive protection and justice, and successfully reclaim their rightful independence, and the number of future victims can be decreased; and

WHEREAS, Human Trafficking Awareness Month is an opportunity to recognize the critical role all Colorado citizens play in preventing, reporting, and adjudicating these heinous crimes; and

WHEREAS, Fighting human trafficking is a shared responsibility, we urge all Colorado citizens to educate themselves about all forms, signs and consequences of human trafficking, and to work together to end this most serious, ongoing human rights violation, and

WHEREAS, The month of January provides an opportunity for our entire community to join together and take action against human trafficking, to raise awareness by educating our community, and for organizations and individuals to establish advocacy, protection, assistance, and support for victims, and to demand accountability of traffickers

Therefore be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Craig, Colorado proclaim January, 2016, Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

In Witness Whereof: I set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Craig to be affixed on this the 12th day of January, 2016.

Ray Beck, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Larson, City Clerk