

CITY OF PHOENIX



PROCLAMATION

Human trafficking is a global crisis that impacts millions of people each year, including tens of thousands of Americans, Arizonians, and Phoenicians. With an estimated 27.6 million victims worldwide at any given time, human trafficking affects people across all demographics and communities, with especially disastrous consequences on our most vulnerable. As both a grave crime and a human rights abuse, it compromises national and economic security, undermines the rule of law, and harms the well-being of individuals and communities.

The battle against human trafficking includes supporting humanitarian efforts in schools, churches, non-profits, law enforcement, and businesses. The City of Phoenix looks to support the efforts of these organizations by intervening, disrupting, and dismantling human trafficking syndicates and providing resources to and support for its victims. We join schools, churches, non-profit organizations, law enforcement, and federal and state coalitions in our commitment to increase public awareness of the human trafficking epidemic that impacts our community, state, nation, and world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE GALLEGO, Mayor of the City of Phoenix, Arizona, in accordance with the law, do hereby proclaim January 2023 as

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING MONTH

in Phoenix and urge our residents, churches, schools 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.



Mayor Kate Gallego
City of Phoenix