

~PROCLAMATION~

WHEREAS, Human Trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. Victims of Human Trafficking are subjected to force, fraud, or coercion, for the purpose of sexual exploitation or forced labor; and

WHEREAS, Human Trafficking is occurring at epidemic levels all over the world including communities throughout Clark County, Washington including Battle Ground; and

WHEREAS, Human Trafficking goes against basic human rights and there is a vital need to eradicate this crime; and

WHEREAS, Law enforcement, federal and state agencies; nonprofits, social service providers; private industry and non-governmental organizations including the National Women's Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation, are working to end Human Trafficking in Clark County through partnerships like with the Human Trafficking Task Force of Clark County through NWCAGE's Missing Children's Division to bring home the exploited youth of our community; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, President Barrack Obama proclaimed January National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, NWCAGE and the Human Trafficking Task Force of Clark County, along with their coalition partners continue to educate the public on violence and exploitation; and

WHEREAS, they continue to raise awareness about Human Trafficking in Clark County and in society as they continue to be the catalyst in our county for training, education, and prevention on human trafficking and exploitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Mike Dalesandro, do hereby proclaim January 2018 to be National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month in Battle Ground, Washington and encourage all to stand with the National Women's Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation and the Task Force to help end Modern-Day Slavery & Exploitation in Battle Ground, Washington.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Battle Ground to be affixed this 16th Day of January 2018.

Mayor Mike Dalesandro