



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JANUARY AS NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS: January is National Human Trafficking Prevention month. In 2010, President Barack Obama declared January as "National Human Trafficking Prevention Month" to raise awareness about human trafficking and to educate the public about how to identify and prevent this crime, and every year since, each president has followed this tradition to bring attention to different forms of human trafficking; *and*

WHEREAS: Human trafficking, also known as modern slavery, includes forced labor and sex trafficking. It is difficult to combat due to lack of public awareness and government oversight, low rates of reporting, the increasing use of technology, and is only further exacerbated by instability caused by natural disasters, conflicts or wars; *and*

WHEREAS: In addition to the Commonwealth's Human Trafficking Division at the Attorney General's Office, the City of Boston's Collaborative Efforts Against Sexual Exploitation (CEASE) work to prevent and address commercial sexual exploitation and human trafficking; *and*

WHEREAS: CEASE works collaboratively to support the development of a strategic plan to adopt the Equality Model Legislation in Massachusetts and the U.S. and grow policies and practices across sectors that amplify efforts to eradicate human trafficking; *and*

WHEREAS: On National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, it is critical that we recognize victims of human trafficking, support the work of anti-trafficking organizations, state and local law enforcement, support advocates, businesses and those who are committed to raising awareness of and ending human trafficking; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Boston City Council declares January 2026 as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month in the City of Boston in order to educate the public about this crime against humanity.

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