City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Every year since 2010, the President has dedicated January as National Human Trafficking Awareness Month in order to raise awareness about the different forms of human trafficking; *and*

WHEREAS, Human trafficking, also known as modern slavery, includes both forced labor and sex trafficking; *and*

WHEREAS, Human trafficking 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, conflict or pandemics; *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 is working collaboratively to support the development of a strategic plan to adopt the Equality Model Legislation in MA and the US and grow policies and practices across sectors that amplify efforts to eradicate human trafficking; *and*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: We celebrate the efforts of anti-trafficking organizations, state and local law enforcement, survivor advocates, businesses, and private citizens in Boston committed to raising awareness of and ending human trafficking;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED THAT: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, declares January 2023, as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in the City of Boston in order to educate the public about this crime against humanity.

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President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Geourtas
Clerk of the City of Boston

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