

## PROCLAMATION

Recognizing January 2021 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a human rights violation and is defined as the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons, by means of threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, or abduction, or fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation;

WHEREAS, globally and in the United States, human trafficking disproportionately affects women and girls;

WHEREAS, human trafficking also affects other highly vulnerable populations, including but not limited to the economically vulnerable, persons with disabilities, and runaway youth;

WHEREAS, increasingly, since the passage of the Trafficking Victim's Protection Act in 2000, the need to define non-violent forms of psychological coercion exists to support law enforcement's increasing number of human trafficking investigations;

WHEREAS, public awareness about human trafficking still needs to reach broader communities and communicate more information about the nuances of this crime; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Grove is committed to the pursuit of public protection of the most vulnerable in our community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City of Garden Grove recognizes January 2021 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

January 26, 2021