

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-R-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF JANUARY AS NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery and known as a crime which occurs when a trafficker uses force, fraud or coercion to control another person for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts or soliciting labor or services against his/her will; and

**WHEREAS**, every year human traffickers generate billions of dollars in profits by victimizing millions of people in the United States and around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, traffickers are estimated to exploit 40.3 million victims, with an estimated 25 million victims in forced labor and 15 million victims in forced marriage; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the growing awareness about this crime, human trafficking continues to go underreported due to its covert nature, misconceptions about its definition, and lack of awareness about its indicators; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, a network that connects victims and survivors of sex and labor trafficking with services and support to get help and stay safe, sex trafficking has been reported as the leading type of trafficking in the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, many platforms and organizations help raise awareness and potentially save lives by educating the public about the despicable act of human trafficking and what can be done if you suspect anyone of being a victim or organizer of this terrifying act; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Miami designates the month of January as National Human Trafficking Awareness Month to encourage residents to focus their attention on these crimes and increase risk assessments, preparations and contingency plans.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1. Designation.** The City of North Miami hereby designates the month of January as National Human Trafficking Awareness Month.


**Section 2. Awareness.** That the City of North Miami encourages residents to focus their attention on these crimes and increase risk assessments, preparations and contingency plans.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by a 5-0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 12th day of January, 2021.

  
PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME  
MAYOR

ATTEST :

  
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VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
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JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.  
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN ESTIMÉ-IRVIN

Moved by: Galvin

Seconded by: Keys

**Vote:**

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| Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime       | <u>X</u> | (Yes) | _____ | (No) |
| Councilman Scott Galvin        | <u>X</u> | (Yes) | _____ | (No) |
| Councilwoman Carol Keys, Esq.  | <u>X</u> | (Yes) | _____ | (No) |
| Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin | <u>X</u> | (Yes) | _____ | (No) |
| Councilman Alix Desulme, Ed.D. | <u>X</u> | (Yes) | _____ | (No) |