



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Human trafficking is a global plague that impacts millions of people each year, including tens of thousands of Americans; and

WHEREAS, the United States ranks as one of the worst countries globally for human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Arizona ranks in the top 15 states with the highest rates of human trafficking per capita; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking impacts people across all demographics and ages, including teenagers and children; and

WHEREAS, the battle against human trafficking includes supporting efforts in schools, churches, non-profits, law enforcement, and businesses to prevent human trafficking; intervene, disrupt, and dismantle human trafficking syndicates; and provide resources to and support for victims of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mesa joins schools, churches, non-profit organizations, law enforcement, federal and state coalitions and the NotInOurCity.org movement in our commitment to increase public awareness of the human trafficking epidemic that impacts our community, state, nation, and world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN GILES, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of Mesa, Arizona, do hereby proclaim January 2023, as:

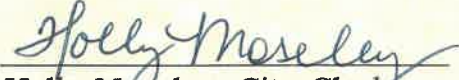
ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING MONTH

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Mesa, Arizona to be affixed this 20th day of December 2022.



John Giles, Mayor

Attest:



Holly Moseley, City Clerk

