



Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** *Human Trafficking is a serious problem on the Eastern Shore, where traffickers use violence, threats, deception and other manipulative tactics to force and coerce young and adult individuals to engage in commercial sex acts or to provide labor or services against their will; and*
- WHEREAS,** *between June 2013 and May 2020 there were reports of child sex trafficking in every Eastern Shore County and since 2017 throughout Maryland 127 human trafficking victims have been rescued; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Human Trafficking is the second highest criminal enterprise in the United States grossing \$9.5 billion every year; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the increased use of drugs, focus on social-media, and changes brought by Covid-19 have increased the level of Human Trafficking; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the Eastern Shore Human Trafficking Task Force is engaged in Anti-Human Trafficking actions by encouraging and promoting awareness and prevention of Human Trafficking; and*
- WHEREAS,** *across the nation during the month of January, Human Trafficking Awareness Month formally recognizes that human trafficking consistently occurs in the United States and emphasizes the need for the public and private sectors to come together to focus on prevention, prosecution, partnerships and support for survivors;*

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jacob R. Day, Mayor of the City of Salisbury, do hereby proclaim January, 2022 as

“HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH”

in our City and urge residents to educate themselves on the indicators of human trafficking to assist in identifying potential trafficking victims.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Salisbury this 10th day of January, 2022.





Jacob R. Day, Mayor