



*Office of the Mayor  
City of Tukwila, Washington*

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking occurs when someone uses force, fraud or coercion to cause another person to engage in forced labor, involuntary servitude, or a commercial sex act; and

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking is second only to narcotics trafficking in international crime; and

**WHEREAS**, the International Labor Organization estimates that there are upwards of 20 million victims of modern-day slavery worldwide, with children making up 27 percent of the victims; and

**WHEREAS**, victims of human trafficking may be young, old, male, female, US citizens, or foreign nationals; and

**WHEREAS**, aggressively identifying and prosecuting the buyers and sellers of trafficking victims is an effective strategy to prevent the commission of human trafficking; and

**WHEREAS**, assisting victims of human trafficking requires a coordinate community response among community groups, social services, schools, and law enforcement; and

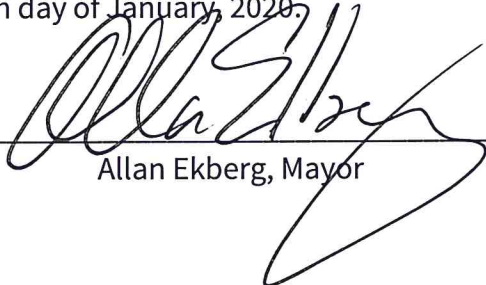
**WHEREAS**, Washington State recognizes a National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness, which is designated annually as January 11;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Allan Ekberg, Mayor of the City of Tukwila, do hereby proclaim January, 2020 as:

## *Human Trafficking Awareness Month*

in the City of Tukwila, reaffirm the City of Tukwila's zero-tolerance policy for human trafficking, and encourage all to work collaboratively with law enforcement agencies and community organizations to combat this terrible crime.

Presented this sixth day of January, 2020.



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Allan Ekberg, Mayor