



# PROCLAMATION

## Human Trafficking and Prevention Month

**WHEREAS**, The Texas Attorney General’s Office defines human trafficking as modern-day slavery. It is the exploitation of men, women, and children for forced labor or sex by a third-party for profit or gain.

**WHEREAS**, In Texas, according to the Attorney General’s Office and a study done by The University of Texas, there is an estimated 310,000 victims of human trafficking at any given moment in the state. Most are victims of labor trafficking, 234,500, while 79,000 are minors and youth in sex trafficking.

**WHEREAS**, Victims and survivors can be any age and are trafficked by anyone, including family members, extended relatives, friends, spouses and partners, as well as acquaintances and strangers. Human trafficking is a nationwide public health and civil rights crisis. Its victims and survivors are everywhere, with Brazos County being no exception.

**WHEREAS**, Brazos County is a prime target area for traffickers, as it sits in the middle of one of the largest trafficking highway corridors in the country, known as the “Texas Trafficking Triangle,” located between major cities – Dallas, San Antonio, and Houston.

**WHEREAS**, All communities must seek to prevent human trafficking before it can occur, by promoting safe, healthy, and supportive environments.

**WHEREAS**, The Trafficking and Exploitation Action Network has a mission to collaborate with the Brazos Valley community to increase awareness, maximize advocacy efforts, and empower survivors of human trafficking and exploitation.

**WHEREAS**, Brazos County strives to become a place where human trafficking does not exist, where people have opportunities available to them, and where all people are treated as fully human and worthy of a supportive community and freedom.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it proclaimed that Brazos County, Texas declares January as Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month.

**Proclaimed** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 in Brazos County, Texas.

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