

TOWN OF CAMP VERDE

Proclamation

“Supporting Increased Awareness Relating to Human Trafficking”

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery involving the illegal trade of people for exploitation or commercial gain, and

WHEREAS, every year, millions of men, women and children are trafficked in countries around the world, including the United States, and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that human trafficking generates billions of dollars of profit per year, second only to drug trafficking as the most profitable form of transnational crime, and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a hidden crime as victims rarely come forward to seek help because of language barriers, fear of the traffickers, and/or fear of law enforcement, and

WHEREAS, traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to lure their victims and force them into labor or commercial sexual exploitation. They look for people who are susceptible for a variety of reasons, including psychological or emotional vulnerability, economic hardship, lack of a social safety net, natural disasters, or political instability. The trauma caused by the traffickers can be so great that many may not identify themselves as victims or ask for help, even in highly public settings, and

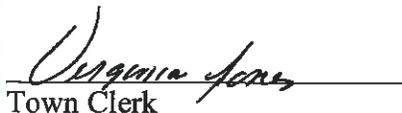
WHEREAS, the United States Senate designated January 11th as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day and other organizations have designated January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Camp Verde is supportive of the many efforts underway in Yavapai County, including the production of the Nursery Rhymes music video, to bring awareness to the issue of human trafficking.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, hereby proclaim the Town of Camp Verde's support for increasing public awareness of human trafficking.

Issued this 3 day of February, 2016.

ATTEST:


Town Clerk


Mayor Charles German