



Proclamation

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a multi-billion-dollar trade that occurs in many industries such as the commercial sex, restaurant and construction industries as well in the labor market in general such as domestic servitude; and

WHEREAS, commercially sexually exploited children (CSEC) represent a growing segment of the U.S. human trafficking population. Victims experience extreme forms of trauma, violence, manipulation and even death. The average age of a CSEC brought into the commercial sex trade at the hands of an exploiter is 12-14 years old; and

WHEREAS, laws have been enacted to prosecute perpetrators of human trafficking, and to assist and protect victims. But due to the techniques that traffickers use for enslaving their victims, self-reporting is severely limited. Thus, more awareness of the issues surrounding human trafficking is needed by all, especially those most likely to come into contact with victims; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa has a tradition of advancing fundamental human rights and actively opposes all individuals, groups, organizations and governments who support, advance or commit acts of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, individuals, public agencies, private organizations and businesses in the City of Santa Rosa should join together and work to end human trafficking through education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Chris Coursey, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council do hereby recognize January 2017 as

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH



Mayor Chris Coursey
January 24, 2017