

Proclamation

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH JANUARY 2018

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a form of modern slavery and includes both sex trafficking and labor trafficking; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 the International Labour Organization of the United Nations estimated that 20.9 million people were victims of human trafficking of which 1,500,000 were in North America; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children estimates that 1 in 6 runaway children in the United States reported to the Center in 2016 were victims of sex trafficking; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 there were 148 cases of human trafficking reported to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center from Arizona; and

WHEREAS, victims of human trafficking are frequently members of vulnerable populations, such as domestic violence and sexual assault survivors, members of immigrant communities and homeless or runaway youth; and

WHEREAS, a critical way of reducing human trafficking is to reduce the demand for trafficked services, including commercial sex and labor and all individuals and employers have a responsibility to refrain from engaging in such activities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Apache Junction seeks to improve our responses, support survivors and promote safe communities for all citizens through services from Community Alliance Against Family Abuse (CAAFa), crisis response from the Apache Junction Police Department and through community awareness efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeff Serdy, Mayor of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, do hereby proclaim January 2018 as

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

and urge all the citizens of the City of Apache Junction to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Signed and attested to this ____ day of _____, 2018.

JEFF SERDY
Mayor

ATTEST:

KATHLEEN CONNELLY
City Clerk

