

City of College Park
Human Trafficking Awareness Month
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** human trafficking, defined as the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of labor or commercial sexual exploitation, now ranks as the world’s second largest and rapidly growing underground economy; and
- WHEREAS,** trafficking presents a pervasive threat and public health risk to individuals of all backgrounds, occurring in plain sight in sectors such as hospitality, agriculture, and domestic work, with traffickers ranging from strangers to acquaintances; and
- WHEREAS,** the devastating impact of human trafficking—profound physical, sexual, and psychological harm to its victims—necessitates vigilant and comprehensive strategies for combat and support and requires concerted efforts across all sectors of society; human trafficking, whether it involves forced labor or sex trafficking, is unacceptable everywhere; and
- WHEREAS,** the City recognizes the importance of community engagement, education, and the participation of every citizen in eradicating beliefs and practices that foster exploitation; and
- WHEREAS,** a successful response to human trafficking demands a coordinated, communitywide effort, valuing the perspectives and expertise of survivors, and fostering public-private partnerships for a comprehensive approach; and
- WHEREAS,** in our pursuit to eradicate human trafficking, the City of College Park aspires to be a place of opportunity, equity, and justice, where all individuals are treated with dignity, receive fair compensation, and are free from exploitation and human rights abuses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of College Park hereby proclaims January 2025 as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month and urge College Park residents, community organizations, businesses, and government agencies to increase their participation and support in our collective efforts to eradicate human trafficking, making the City of College Park a safe and just community for all.

PROCLAIMED this 7th day of January, 2025.

Fazlul Kabir, Mayor
City of College Park