



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, human trafficking involves the recruitment, harboring, transportation or provision of a person for labor or commercial sex through the use of force, fraud or coercion;

WHEREAS, the US Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons reports that at least 12.3 million people are in forced labor or forced commercial sexual activity around the world;

WHEREAS, human trafficking was made a federal crime by the United States Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA) and the State of North Carolina made human trafficking a state crime in 2007;

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has several characteristics which make it vulnerable to human trafficking, including major interstate highways, large agricultural and meat processing industries, and several military bases;

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina developed mandatory human trafficking training for law enforcement, effective July 1, 2011, and is one of the first states in the country to require this training;

WHEREAS, many other professional disciplines and practitioners in North Carolina have availed themselves of available training to recognize potential human trafficking situations and provide support to survivors;

WHEREAS, increasing numbers of cases of human trafficking are being identified in the State of North Carolina because of this attention to training; and


WHEREAS, eliminating human trafficking requires awareness, education and training to insure that all our residents and communities are knowledgeable about this problem;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Allen M. Thomas, Mayor of the City of Greenville, do hereby proclaim January 2012 as

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

in Greenville and urge all citizens to help to eradicate human trafficking by educating themselves about the indicators of potential trafficking situations and reporting suspicious activity to local law enforcement.

This 3rd day of January 2012.



Allen M. Thomas, Mayor