

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking is worldwide public health and civil rights crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking is occurring at escalating levels all over the world including communities throughout the State of Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking goes against basic human rights and is modern-day slavery, and there is a vital need to eradicate this horrendous crime; and

**WHEREAS**, all communities must seek to prevent human trafficking by promoting safe, healthy, and supportive environments; and

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement, federal and state agencies; nonprofit organizations, social service providers and others such as Compassion Connect Puget Sound are working to end Human Trafficking through partnerships; and

**WHEREAS**, Adorned In Grace's goal of fighting human trafficking through awareness, prevention and restoration has a positive impact in Lakewood, as their team guides survivors and other vulnerable women and girls through a program they call the GRACE plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lakewood is committed to ending modern-day slavery and exploitation.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Lakewood City Council hereby proclaims the month of January 2021 as

***HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH***

in the City of Lakewood and invite all citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities aimed at ending and preventing all forms of human trafficking.

PROCLAIMED this 19th day of January, 2021.

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Don Anderson, Mayor