

# CITY OF LAKEWOOD



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Human trafficking endangers the lives of millions of people around the world, and it is a crime that knows no borders; and

**WHEREAS**, trafficking networks operate both domestically and transnationally, and although abuses disproportionately affect women and girls, the victims of this ongoing global tragedy are men, women, and children of all ages; and

**WHEREAS**, National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month was established in January 2010 proclaiming the right of equality and freedom inherent to all people, advocating for legislation that protects survivors and punishes offenders, educating leaders, and encouraging public awareness and action against various forms of human trafficking; and

**WHEREAS**, all communities must seek to prevent human trafficking by promoting a safe, healthy, and supportive environment for youth and vulnerable populations; and

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement, federal and state agencies, nonprofit organizations, social service providers and others such as Rebuilding HOPE! are committed to working together to end Human Trafficking in Pierce County through collaboration and public education campaigns; and

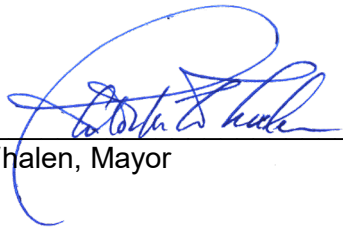
**WHEREAS**, the City of Lakewood joins in this commitment to be a partner to end this modern-day slavery and exploitation.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Lakewood City Council hereby proclaim the month of January 2023 as

### ***NATIONAL SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH***

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

PROCLAIMED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

  
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Jason Whalen, Mayor