

Proclamation

WHEREAS, human trafficking, which includes sex trafficking, forced labor, and domestic servitude, is a global crisis that impacts people across all demographics and ages including teenagers and children; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, 10,359 cases of human trafficking were reported to the U.S. National Human Trafficking Hotline involving 16,554 individual victims; and

WHEREAS, since 2007, the Arizona Human Trafficking Hotline has identified 1,611 cases of human trafficking, with 3,906 victims; and

WHEREAS, the battle against human trafficking includes supporting efforts in schools, places of worship, nonprofits, law-enforcement, and businesses to prevent human trafficking, intervene, disrupt, and dismantle human trafficking syndicates, and provide resources to, and support for, victims of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Paradise Valley joins community stakeholders to advocate for increased public awareness of human trafficking and its impacts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jerry Bien-Willner, Mayor of the Town of Paradise Valley, do hereby proclaim January 2023 as

“Anti-Human Trafficking Month”

in Paradise Valley and urge all residents, schools, and places of worship to work together to eliminate human trafficking in our community, support efforts of front-line organizations and law enforcement in their battle against human trafficking, and join other communities in saying, **“Not In Our Community”**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the Town of Paradise Valley this 26th day of January 2023.

Jerry Bien-Willner, Mayor

Attest:

Duncan Miller, Town Clerk