

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, modern slavery and human trafficking remain among the gravest human rights violations in the world today, affecting millions of men, women, and children globally, often in secret and under horrific conditions; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a complex, pervasive issue that impacts every community, transcending borders, races, and socioeconomic backgrounds, and demands collective action to eliminate it; and

WHEREAS, many organizations, law enforcement agencies, advocates, survivors, and communities continue to work tirelessly to prevent human trafficking, provide critical services for survivors, and raise awareness about this urgent issue; and

WHEREAS, we must continue to strengthen laws, support victims and survivors, and invest in prevention efforts to combat the root causes of human trafficking, including poverty, inequality, and lack of education; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that eradicating human trafficking requires the united effort of individuals, organizations, governments, and communities to create a world where freedom, justice, and dignity are universally upheld.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the City Council of the City of Brentwood does hereby recognize January 11, 2025 as

NATIONAL SLAVERY/HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION DAY

and encourages all residents to join in the fight against human trafficking by raising awareness, supporting survivors, and taking action to prevent this grave injustice. Let us work together toward a world where slavery is eradicated and human rights are upheld for all.

Dated this 10th day of December, 2024




Joel R. Bryant, Mayor