Proclamation for Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness Week

Whereas, the United States was founded upon the principle that all people are created with the unalienable right to freedom, and added the 13th Amendment to the Constitution making slavery illegal;

Whereas slavery within the United States today is most often found in the form of forced labor and sex trafficking, which weakens our social fabric, increases violence in organized crime, and debases our humanity;

Whereas this problem and heinous crime is found within our own community;

Whereas the Iowa Network Against Human Trafficking has been working for 10 years to abolish all forms of human trafficking through education, volunteerism, advocacy and collaboration.

Whereas every business, community organization, faith community, family and individual can make a difference by choosing products that are not made by forced labor; by working to protect our young people from sexual exploitation; by addressing the problem of internet sex trafficking and pornography; and by becoming more aware of the problem and possible solutions;

Therefore, I _____, Mayor of _____ do hereby proclaim the week of _____ as Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness week, and encourage all our citizens to become more familiar with the problem, to be vigilant and report suspicious activity, and to work towards solutions to end trafficking in all its forms in our community.