



Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, human trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for forced labor or commercial sex; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina consistently ranks in the top 10 for human trafficking cases reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline; and

WHEREAS, Human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world, now creating over \$236 billion in illegal profits each year; and

WHEREAS, last year the Cyber Tipline received 20.5 million reports related to 29.2 million incidents of suspected child sexual exploitation; and

WHEREAS, trafficking survivors often go undetected and unserved; experiencing extremely high levels of trauma; and the number of restoration opportunities for survivors in North Carolina is not enough to serve the number of survivors; and

WHEREAS, more awareness is needed at the community level to educate citizens on the realities and needs of survivors; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Holly Springs has committed to protecting its residents and supporting anti-trafficking efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Kondratick, Mayor of the Town of Holly Springs, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim January as

Human Trafficking Prevention Month

In Holly Springs and commend its observance to all residents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Holly Springs, North Carolina to be affixed on this 20th day of January, 2026.

Michael D. Kondratick, Mayor