



# 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.

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Michael D. Kondratick, Mayor