

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** human trafficking is the second largest and fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world, enslaving nearly 25 million people around the globe, and having been reported in all 50 U.S. states; and
- WHEREAS,** the Department of Justice has identified Kansas as an originating state for human trafficking, meaning our own kids are at a higher risk than others; and
- WHEREAS,** most human trafficking victims are children, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children reports that as many as one in six runaways are actually human trafficking victims; and
- WHEREAS,** the Olathe Police Department diligently pursues signs of trafficking in our community and partners with other agencies in this effort; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Olathe is proud to be one of the safest cities in America, and is committed to maintaining that by protecting the well-being of our residents, their families, our visitors, and particularly our children.

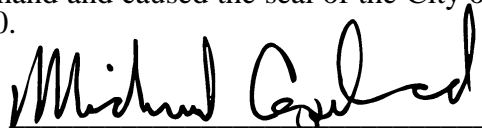
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Copeland, Mayor of the City of Olathe, do hereby proclaim January 2020,

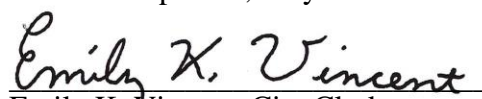
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in Olathe, urging all residents to learn more about the facts of this heinous crime, and to be able to identify the signs of possible victims in need of rescue.

Together we can stand up for human dignity.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Olathe to be affixed this twenty-first day of January, 2020.


Michael Copeland, Mayor


Emily K. Vincent, City Clerk