

RESOLUTION NO. 6-21

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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING JANUARY AS NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, in 2010, President Obama dedicated the entire month of January to awareness and prevention of human trafficking; and,

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery and is a crime that involves the use of force, fraud or coercion to recruit, harbor, transport, provide, or obtain a person for the purposes of labor or sexual exploitation; and,

WHEREAS, of the more than 23,500 endangered runaways reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in 2019, 1 in 6 were likely child sex trafficking victims; and,

WHEREAS, although there are laws and regulations in place, it is vital that we are educated to recognize the red flags and raise awareness of human trafficking.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby supports January as National Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a true and accurate copy of this Resolution to Congressional Representatives Marcy Kaptur and Anthony Gonzalez, and State delegates Senator Nickie Antonio and Representative Jeffrey Crossman.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council; and that all deliberations of the Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary in order to support National Human Trafficking awareness month observed in January, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____ PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____ MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO