



HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION

January is also known as Human Trafficking Awareness Month. It is a key time for us all as individuals to educate ourselves about human trafficking and crucially to learn to spot the signs of trafficking. It is also a time for us to take these messages to our workplaces, our churches, our schools, our representatives, and everywhere else.

WHEREAS men, women, and children in Wyoming are exploited for their bodies and their labor, and whether through violence, deceit, or the promises of a better life, some of the most vulnerable populations among us, including children in poverty, are preyed upon by human traffickers; and

WHEREAS, Human Trafficking Prevention Month is a time for us to educate ourselves and our friends, family, and colleagues to ensure that more people are aware of the issues around human trafficking. Because awareness is key to prevention.

WHEREAS, we must always remember that our freedom is bound to the freedom of others. This month, let us find inspiration in America's progress toward justice, opportunity, and prosperity for all and reaffirm our pledge to continue fighting for human rights; and

WHEREAS, we must shine a light on this violation of the basic human right to be free from violence and abuse, pledge to ensure every victim knows they are not alone, and foster supportive communities that help survivors seek justice; and

WHEREAS, we must do everything in our power to combat these violations of human decency in order to rid the world of Human Trafficking.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Pete Rust, Mayor, of the City of Green River, Wyoming do hereby proclaim **January 2023** as **Human Trafficking Awareness Month** in Green River, and call on all our citizens to speak out against these crimes and support local efforts to assist victims of these crimes in finding the help and healing they need.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this 3rd day of January 2023.



Pete Rust, Mayor