



RESOLUTION

Declaring January 2024 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month

WHEREAS the Hanover Township Board of Trustees does hereby find as follows:

WHEREAS human trafficking is defined as the unlawful act of transporting or coercing people to benefit from their work or service, typically in the form of forced labor or sexual exploitation; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the Human Trafficking Hotline in Illinois has documented 2,237 cases of human trafficking where 4,817 victims were identified in these instances; and

WHEREAS, according to recent data, Illinois ranks 11th in the nation for number of cases of Human Trafficking; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking can be prevented by building individual, community, and societal understandings and resilience, reducing social inequities, and addressing the conditions that contribute to exploitation; and

WHEREAS, more than 20 years since the passing of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, human trafficking still exists—including the forced or fraudulent recruitment, harboring, or transportation of people for labor or other acts; and

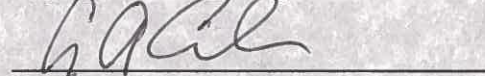
WHEREAS, a successful response to human trafficking requires a coordinated, community-wide effort, and Hanover Township applauds the agencies, staff, and volunteers who spend countless hours every year assisting the victims of human trafficking and working to bring awareness to this world-wide issue.

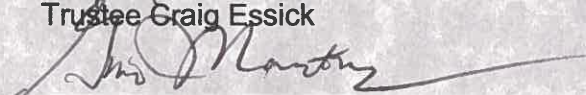
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Hanover Township Board of Trustees, Cook County, Illinois, that month of January 2024, is declared Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Hanover Township.

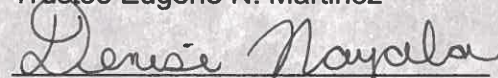
Dated: January 23, 2024

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of Hanover Township to be affixed hereto.

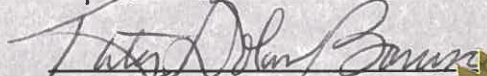

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