

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING

JANUARY 6, 2020 AS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY AND JANUARY 2020 AS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a crime against humanity that violates the most basic human rights, depriving victims of their freedom; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking occurs when a person is recruited, harbored, obtained or exported through force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of sexual exploitation, forced labor, involuntary servitude, debt bondage and slavery; and

WHEREAS, survivors of human trafficking suffer emotional, psychological, and physical abuse at the hands of captors who strip them of power and control over their lives; and

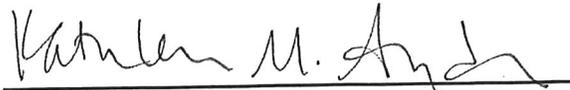
WHEREAS, victims of trafficking tend to be the most marginalized members of our community who have been made vulnerable by poverty, discrimination, and racism; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking happens anywhere there is labor, including in Maine and the City of Portland; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland is committed to protecting the vulnerable and ending human trafficking through continued prevention, education and awareness, with partnerships with law enforcement, the district attorney's office and non-governmental organizations:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Kate Snyder, Mayor of the City of Portland, and members of the City Council do hereby declare January 6, 2020 Human Trafficking Awareness Day, and recognize January 2020 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

Signed and sealed this 6th day of January, 2020



**Kate Snyder, Mayor
City of Portland, Maine**

