



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Human trafficking and slavery is a horrific assault on human dignity that affects people in the United States and around the world which tears apart communities, fuels criminal activity, and threatens the national security of the United States; and

WHEREAS, tragically, through force, fraud, and coercion, human traffickers deprive millions of victims of their unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, this intolerable blight on society involves exploitation that affects people of all ages, genders, races, religions, and nationalities; and

WHEREAS, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, along with other Federal agencies, has aggressively pursued these criminals, dismantling the financial infrastructure of their networks and arresting over 5,000 human traffickers; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has also established a comprehensive National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking (NAP), built around "three pillars": prevention, protection, and prosecution; and

WHEREAS, the National Action Plan also recognizes the invaluable benefit of implementing collaborative and cooperative efforts among national, state, and local stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Lauderdale recognizes that all Americans are morally obligated to confront and defeat the abhorrent practice of human trafficking and slavery; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and education are critical, especially for those more likely to encounter victims, such as healthcare professionals, law enforcement officers, social services providers, and educators; and

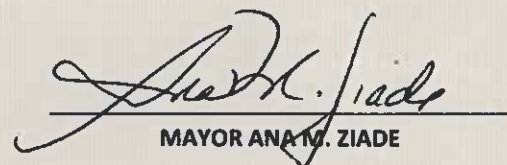
WHEREAS, the City of North Lauderdale remains committed to dismantling this illicit and immoral enterprise as the United States continues to lead the global fight against human trafficking; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of North Lauderdale, Florida hereby proclaims January 2021 as

NATIONAL SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

and encourages the citizens of the City of North Lauderdale to support awareness of this crime.




MAYOR ANA M. ZIAIDE

Dated this 12th day of January, 2021