



Legislation Text

File #: 20-003, **Version:** 1

City Council Meeting Date: January 7, 2020

To: Mayor and City Council
City Administrator

From: Deb little, City Clerk

Presentation on January 11, 2020 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Northfield as part of National Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month.

Action Requested:

No action requested.

Summary Report:

The Northfield City Council will receive a presentation from Northfield Rotary Members Emily Fulton-Foley and Todd Thompson regarding Proclaiming January 11, 2020 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Northfield as part of National Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month. The requested proclamation is part of the consent agenda.

Rotary clubs in Minnesota, North Dakota, Western Wisconsin and parts of Ontario have joined together to end Human Trafficking in our region. Over 160 clubs representing over 5,000 Rotarians are working with organizations in their local communities to end human trafficking one community at a time. The Northfield Rotary Club has been working on a Human Trafficking Initiative. As part of this initiative, they are working with our local leaders to end Human Trafficking in our community and the first step in this quest is to raise awareness of the issue that impacts every community.

Human trafficking is a nationwide public health and civil rights crisis. Its victims and survivors are everywhere, with each city and community being no exception. Human Trafficking includes both forced labor and sex trafficking. In the U.S., it is estimated that 2-4 million victims are being trafficked. 75% are exploited for sex. Almost half are children, and most are women and girls. Victims come from all demographics. Traffickers target individuals who, for a variety of reasons, are vulnerable. Rotary initiatives focus on raising awareness, educating children and youth, reducing risk factors that make children and youth vulnerable, and stopping the demand.

Alternative Options:

N/A

Financial Impacts:

N/A

Tentative Timelines:

N/A