



PROCLAMATION

National Human Trafficking Prevention Month 2026

WHEREAS, January is recognized as Human Trafficking Prevention Month, a time to learn the signs of human trafficking and strengthen our shared commitment to end this crime; and

WHEREAS, this month honors the efforts of individuals and organizations committed to preventing human trafficking, uplifts the voices of survivors and remembers those whose lives were lost to this injustice; and

WHEREAS, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 affirmed the national priority of preventing trafficking, protecting victims, and prosecuting traffickers. These principles are now used by countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, while human trafficking can affect people of all backgrounds, individuals experiencing abuse, violence, economic hardship, housing instability, or social isolation face a heightened risk of exploitation; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is closely linked to other forms of violence and exploitation and is often driven by shared conditions, including limited access to resources and environments that fail to provide safety and support; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking, including forced labor and sex trafficking, threatens public safety, violates human rights, and harms millions of adults and children worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Labor has identified 158 goods from 77 countries that are believed to be produced using child labor or forced labor in violation of international standards; and

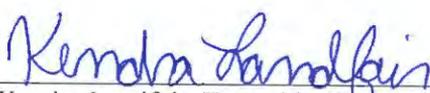
WHEREAS, national data indicate that Black women and girls account for approximately 40 percent of women trafficked in the United States, while about 24 percent are Latina. LGBTQIA+ individuals, particularly transgender women of color, are also disproportionately impacted by sex trafficking; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 27.6 million people remain vulnerable to traffickers who often exploit poverty, instability, and crisis; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Joliet Township Government proclaims January 2026 as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month in Joliet Township, and encourages all residents to learn the signs of trafficking and join in efforts to protect the freedom and well-being of every person.

ADOPTED this 13th day of January of 2026.

ATTEST:


Kendra Landfair, Township Clerk


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