

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** human trafficking is a public health issue and crime that harms the health and well-being of children, individuals, families, and communities, often across generations; and

**WHEREAS,** human trafficking can happen to anyone in every community; and

**WHEREAS,** human trafficking is connected to many other forms of violence and exploitation, and often shares common risk factors, such as lack of resources and unsafe environments; and

**WHEREAS,** strengthening communities requires collective action to prevent, recognize, and reduce the conditions that contribute to exploitation and to create environments where people are protected from human trafficking and other forms of violence; and

**WHEREAS,** a successful response to human trafficking requires a coordinated, community-wide response that includes collaboration across sectors and with those who have experienced human trafficking to ensure that services and programs are effective and meet the needs of survivors; and

**WHEREAS,** every individual, family, community, and organization can help raise awareness, prevent trafficking, and support survivors by learning how to take action.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Saliba,** Mayor of the City of Dothan, do hereby proclaim January, 2026, as

## **"HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH"**

in the City of Dothan and we ask all residents of this community to join us in raising the visibility of this crime whose victims are all too often invisible. Together, we can become more informed about this pressing issue and work to combat its injustices.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dothan to be affixed the 20<sup>th</sup> of January, 2026.

**SEAL**

**Attest:**

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**Wendy Shiver**  
City Clerk



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**Mark Saliba**  
Mayor