~PROCLAMATION~

WHEREAS, human trafficking subjects victims to force, fraud and coercion for the purpose of sexual exploitation or forced labor; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking for financial gain occurs worldwide, including in Clark County, in violation of fundamental human rights and the dignity and worth of every human being; and

WHEREAS, non-profit social service providers, private industry and non-governmental organizations such as YWCA Clark County, Children's Justice Center, Lutheran Services and Janus Youth Services work with law enforcement and state and federal agencies to end the crimes of slavery and human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, President Barack Obama proclaimed January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, the Human Trafficking Task Force of Clark County and its coalition partners continue to educate the community about violence and exploitation here at home and elsewhere.

NOW, THEREFORE, this Clark County Council does hereby proclaim January as

~ National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month ~

in Clark County, Washington and calls on residents to stand with the Human Trafficking Task Force of Clark County to help end slavery and exploitation in our community.

Signed this 22nd day of January 2019

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