

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA
PROCLAIMING JANUARY, 2023 AS
HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH
IN THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON**

WHEREAS, Human Trafficking is the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, and receipt of people through force, fraud, coercion or deception with the aim of exploiting them for profit. Currently, the state of Florida ranks number 3 in the entire country for incidents of Human Trafficking and Palm Beach County is ranked 3rd out of all counties in state for suspected cases of Human Trafficking; and

WHEREAS, to combat human trafficking, the state of Florida has made strides in preventing the occurrence of human trafficking, prosecuting traffickers and dismantling criminal networks and protecting the victims; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wellington recognizes the importance of educating its residents and employees and providing a better understanding of the key indicators through hosting Human Trafficking Awareness seminars in partnership with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and the Palm Beach County Human Trafficking Coalition. The Village encourages its residents and employees to wear blue on January 11th in recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

NOW THEREFORE, the Village Council of Wellington, Florida does hereby proclaim the month of January 2023 as "Human Trafficking Awareness Month" in the Village of Wellington. and urges all residents to educate themselves and learn to spot the signs of trafficking.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Wellington, Florida to be affixed this 10th day of January 2023.

ATTEST:

WELLINGTON, FLORIDA

By: _____

By: _____

Chevelle D. Nubin, Village Clerk

Anne Gerwig, Mayor