



Proclamation

National Human Trafficking Prevention Month

January 2024

Whereas, more than 20 years since the passing of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, human trafficking still exists. An estimated 27.6 million people are subjected to human trafficking globally, including cases of human trafficking reported in every U.S. state and territory; and

Whereas, human trafficking is a public health issue and crime that exploits the most vulnerable among us and weakens the health and well-being of individuals, families, and communities across generations; and

Whereas, human trafficking can happen to anyone, people can be trafficked in person and online; in industries such as restaurants, domestic work, construction, agriculture, and factories; and by strangers or someone they know, including employers, partners, and family members; and

Whereas, human trafficking can be prevented by building individual, community, and societal understanding and resilience, reducing social inequities, and addressing the conditions that contribute to exploitation; and

Whereas, every individual, family, community, and organization can contribute to enhancing human trafficking awareness, prevention, and response by learning about ways to help at Chest of Hope; and

Now, Therefore, I, Gary Singh, Mayor of the City of Manteca, on behalf of City Council, do recognize January 2024 as Human Trafficking Prevention Month reaffirming our commitment to increase awareness and education on human trafficking, make resources available such as Chest of Hope to assist individuals impacted by human trafficking, and build diverse public-private partnerships to support a more comprehensive response to prevent and respond to human trafficking.

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Mayor Gary Singh

