

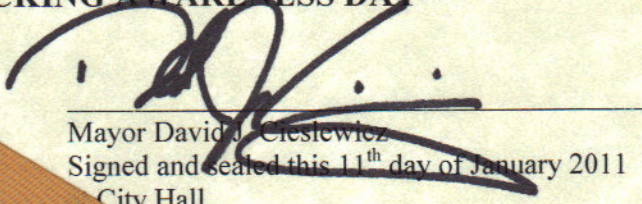
MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** human trafficking is modern day slavery, a practice that is in direct opposition to the fundamental principles of liberty and human rights upon which our nation was founded; and
- WHEREAS,** human trafficking is the second largest and fastest growing criminal industry in the world, recently found to account for \$82 billion annually; and
- WHEREAS,** eighty percent of human trafficking victims are female and fifty percent of all trafficking victims are children; and
- WHEREAS,** it is estimated that 14,500 to 17,500 United States residents are forced into slavery each year; and
- WHEREAS,** the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance 2008 report "Hidden in Plain Sight" documents reports of human trafficking in Dane County; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Madison remains committed to protecting individual freedom, by eliminating human trafficking, including early or forced marriage, commercial sexual exploitation, forced labor, labor obtained through debt bondage, involuntary servitude, slavery and slavery by descent; and
- WHEREAS,** to combat human trafficking locally, and around the country and globe, people everywhere must be aware of the realities of human trafficking and must be dedicated to stopping it; and
- WHEREAS,** fighting slavery has the most impact when entire communities work together on the problem; and
- WHEREAS,** a resolution passed by the United States Senate on June 22, 2007, has forever marked January 11th as a day of awareness and vigilance for the countless victims of Human Trafficking across the globe; and
- WHEREAS,** individuals, businesses, organizations, and governing bodies from around the country have called for the observance of a Human Trafficking Awareness Day on January 11 of each year; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Madison supports such groups in their opposition to human trafficking;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Madison, Wisconsin, does hereby proclaim Tuesday, January 11, 2011, as

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY

in the City of Madison.



Mayor David J. Cieslewicz
Signed and sealed this 11th day of January 2011
City Hall.

