

**The Corporation of the Town of Caledon**

**Office of the Mayor**

*Proclamation*

- Whereas,** *National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is declared for February 22, 2021; and*
- Whereas,** *Human trafficking is a multi-dimensional phenomenon considered to be one of the most profitable crimes worldwide; organized crime syndicates and individual opportunists benefit from trafficking people for sexual exploitation and forced labour, the clandestine nature of human trafficking has made it hard to quantify; and*
- Whereas,** *In Canada, victims of human trafficking have been Canadian citizens, permanent residents and foreign nationals.” (RCMP National Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), 2012; and*
- Whereas,** *Human trafficking causes devastating impacts where we work, live and raise our families (particularly on the vulnerable youth who are targeted and exploited by traffickers); and*
- Whereas,** *Victims are female, Canadian citizens, between the ages of 14 and 22 years, and are typically Caucasian, 51% of trafficked girls were or had been involved with the child welfare system, 50% of trafficked girls and 51% of trafficked women were Indigenous, and 17% of girls and 42% of trafficked women were women of colour”; and*
- Whereas,** *According to crime statistics from the Statistics Canada CANSIM database, over half of the incidents of human trafficking in Canada since 2009 have occurred in Ontario. 106 cases are attributed to Ottawa, which has the second highest concentration of human trafficking offences outside of Toronto as of 2015; and*
- Whereas,** *Raising public awareness of this kind of criminal activity will serve to disrupt one of more human trafficking processes and result in reducing the number of trafficking victims; and*
- Whereas,** *Human Trafficking can occur in any neighbourhood including Caledon.*
- Now, Therefore,** *I, Allan Thompson, Mayor of the Town of Caledon, do hereby proclaim*

**February 22, 2021**

**as**

**“National Human Trafficking Awareness Day”**

*in the Town of Caledon and do commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our municipality.*

**Dated this 16th day of February 2021**



*His Worship, Mayor Allan Thompson*