



# PROCLAMATION

- 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,* 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,* The Region of Peel has collaborated with community partners to develop a three-tier strategy to address Human Sex trafficking in our communities through intervention and education, crisis housing and supports, transitional housing and streamlined care with partner agencies, and;
- Whereas,* The Peel Anti-Human Trafficking Service Providers Committee represents over 40 support agencies and community partners that have come together to support victims and survivors through a streamlined care path and raise awareness through media campaigns, advocacy and education, and;
- Whereas,* Raising public awareness of this kind of criminal activity will serve to disrupt one or more human trafficking processes and result in reducing the number of trafficking victims
- Therefore,* I, Mayor Annette Groves, on behalf of the Town of Caledon Council, do hereby proclaim

February 22, 2024

as

"National Human Trafficking Awareness Day"

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

Mayor Annette Groves, Town of Caledon