


MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Samora
Vice Mayor Rumrell
Commissioner England
Commissioner George
Commissioner Torres

FROM: Max Royle, City Manager 

DATE: December 21, 2021

SUBJECT: Presentation: Proclamation to Support Awareness of Human Trafficking

The Proclamation is attached. Ms. Cathie Altman of the American Association of university Women will be at your meeting to present and accept it.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, human trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of forced labor or sexual servitude; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a \$150 billion a year global criminal enterprise, is a crime as well as a civil and human right violation, and the United States government estimates that between 600,000 to 800,000 individuals are trafficked across international borders each year: and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Florida had the third highest number of human trafficking cases in the United States, and since 2007 has had over 7,000 total victims; and

WHEREAS, more awareness and education is crucial to eradicating human trafficking in our communities, state, and nation, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, under the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of St Augustine Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim the City of St. Augustine Beach's acknowledgement that human trafficking should be eradicated.

IN WITNESS of which, I, Mayor Samora, hereunto set my hand and cause the Official Seal of the City of St. Augustine Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 3rd day of January 2022.

Donald Samora, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:

Max Royle, City Manager