

# Child Trafficking Awareness Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Hundreds of thousands of underage girls and boys living in the United states, and vastly greater numbers more abroad, suffer in silence under the intolerable yoke of modern slavery; and

**WHEREAS**, The great majority of men and women over the age of 18 were first trafficked as minors; and

**WHEREAS**, the victims of this scourge of modern day slavery lose not only their freedom, but also their dignity, families, emotional and psychological health—and too often their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, We stand with all those who are held in compelled service; we recognize the people, organizations, and government entities that are working to combat child trafficking; and we recommit to bringing an end to this inexcusable human rights abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, The steadfast defense of human rights is an essential part of our national identity, and as long as children suffer the violence of sexual and forced-labor slavery, we must continue the fight; and

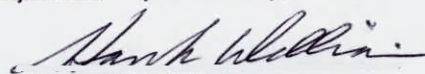
**WHEREAS** The President of the United States has declared January each year as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, so we also add our support to this important initiative.

**NOW THEREFORE**, Be It Resolved, I, Hank Williams, Mayor of Central Point, do hereby proclaim the month of January 2017, to be

## “Child Trafficking Awareness Month”

**And call upon citizens to recognize the vital role we can play in ending modern slavery and to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.



Mayor Hank Williams  
City of Central Point