

*Office of the Mayor
City of El Mirage*

PROCLAMATION

**ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING MONTH
January 2024**

WHEREAS human trafficking is a global plague that impacts millions of people each year, including tens of thousands of Americans; and

WHEREAS the United States ranks as one of the worst countries globally for human trafficking; and

WHEREAS Arizona ranks in the top 15 states with the highest rates of human trafficking per capita; and

WHEREAS human trafficking impacts people across all demographics and ages, including teenagers and children; and

WHEREAS the battle against human trafficking includes supporting efforts in schools, churches, non-profits, law enforcement, and businesses to prevent human trafficking; intervene, disrupt, and dismantle human trafficking syndicates; and provide resources to and support for victims of human trafficking.

WHEREAS the City of El Mirage joins schools, churches, non-profit organizations, law enforcement, federal and state coalitions and the Not In Our City.org movement in our commitment to increase public awareness of the human trafficking epidemic that impacts our community, state, nation, and world.

NOW THEREFORE I, Alexis Hermosillo, Mayor of El Mirage, do hereby proclaim the month of January as **ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING MONTH** in the city of El Mirage, Arizona and urge our residents, churches, and schools to work together to eliminate trafficking from our community and support the efforts of front-line organizations and law enforcement in their battle against human trafficking and to take a stand and say **NOT IN OUR CITY!**

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereby set my hand and affix the Official Seal of the Office of the Mayor, El Mirage, Arizona, this 17th day of January 2024.

Alexis A. Hermosillo, Mayor