



## PROCLAMATION

- Hundreds of thousands of underage girls and boys living in the United States, and vastly greater numbers abroad, suffer in silence under the intolerable yoke of modern slavery.
- The defense of human rights is an essential part of our national and local identity.
- We recognize the people, organizations, and government entities that are working to combat child trafficking.
- 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, the City Council and Mayor, on behalf of the citizens of Ashland, hereby proclaim February 2016 as:

### *"Child Trafficking Awareness Month"*

and hereby urge all citizens to recognize the vital role they can play in ending modern slavery and to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2016

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John Stromberg, Mayor

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Barbara Christensen, City Recorder