



Proclamation

February 22, 2024

Human Trafficking Prevention Awareness Day

Whereas, National Human Trafficking Awareness day was established on February 22, 2007 in the House of Commons to encourage Canadians to raise awareness of the magnitude of modern day slavery in Canada and abroad and to take steps to combat human trafficking; and

Whereas, between 2009 to 2018, the police reported 1,708 incidents of human trafficking in Canada; and

Whereas, between 2018 to 2019, Dufferin Child Victim Services were made aware of 22 victims of human trafficking, with seven being youth under the age of 18; and

Whereas, CRYNOT.ca (Compass Rotary Youth-No Trafficking) is a volunteer-driven group comprised of the Rotary Club of Orangeville and Compass Community Church to raise awareness to the concern of human trafficking in the Dufferin-Caledon community;

Whereas, the mission of Cry Not is to reduce and eliminate human trafficking by raising awareness, foster collaboration among like groups and organizations, equip adults with connections and resources available to defeat the threat of human trafficking, and to create and maintain digital information; and

Now Therefore, I, Mayor Lisa Post, on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim **February 22, 2024** as “**Human Trafficking Prevention Awareness Day**” in the Town of Orangeville.

Lisa Post
Mayor