

PROCLAMATION

Human Trafficking Awareness Day

February 22, 2025

WHEREAS: Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Canada has been observed since February 22, 2021, when it was declared by the Canadian government as part of their commitment to fighting human trafficking; and

WHEREAS: By criminal code, human trafficking refers to every person who recruits, transports, transfers, receives, holds, conceals or harbours a person, or exercises control, direction or influence over the movements of a person, for the purpose of exploiting them or facilitating their exploitation; and

WHEREAS: Simply put, human trafficking is profiting off of the exploitation of another person through force, manipulation or coercion. Human trafficking encompasses many different types of exploitation including sexual exploitation and forced labour; and

WHEREAS: In Canada, the most common form of human trafficking is sexual exploitation. Sexual exploitation involves a person profiting from the use of another person's body in a sexual manner to benefit financially or otherwise;

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Simon Boersma, do hereby declare February 22nd, 2025, as **Human Trafficking Awareness Day**, in the Town of Morinville.



Mayor Simon Boersma

