



**PROCLAMATION**  
*City of Littleton, Colorado*  
*Proclaiming January 2026*  
*“National Human Trafficking Prevention Month”*  
*in the City of Littleton*

**WHEREAS**, *The United States was founded on the principle that all people are born with an unalienable right to freedom; and*

**WHEREAS**, *human trafficking is an umbrella term for crimes where force, fraud, or coercion is used to subject more than 27 million people worldwide to the abuse of both sex trafficking and forced labor – including thousands of victims across the United States; and*

**WHEREAS**, *traffickers disproportionately target marginalized community members, including undocumented immigrants, survivors of domestic violence, and LGBTQ+ youth, who often lack strong support networks or housing stability; and*

**WHEREAS**, *the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney’s Office provides a vital line of defense for the Littleton community by utilizing a dedicated human trafficking prosecutor and a specialized multi-disciplinary team to ensure that investigations are victim-centered, prosecutions are expert-led, and survivors are empowered throughout the legal process; and*

**WHEREAS**, *identifying this often-hidden threat relies on community awareness of key indicators, such as individuals appearing fearful, exhibiting signs of unaddressed physical trauma, or living under restricted movement and constant monitoring by others; and*

**WHEREAS**, *any form of human trafficking must not be tolerated here or anywhere in the world; and we must, as a Nation and global community, work to hold those responsible accountable and bring them to justice, and to protect the victims and support survivors as they heal.*

**NOW, THEREFORE**, *I, Kyle Schlachter, Mayor of the City of Littleton, do hereby proclaim January 2026 as “National Human Trafficking Prevention Month” and urge all citizens to show their support and solidarity for victims and survivors, and to bring awareness to this issue, by wearing blue on January 11<sup>th</sup>, recognized as Human Trafficking Awareness Day.*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Littleton to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.*



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Kyle Schlachter, Mayor

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Colleen L. Norton, City Clerk