

Proclamation

Human Trafficking Awareness Month January 2026 Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas (DVACK)

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a pervasive and devastating crime that affects individuals, families, and communities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the most recently completed year, **2024**, an estimated **17,000 potential victims** of human trafficking were identified nationwide, representing only a fraction of those who suffer in silence; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking takes many forms, with **employers accounting for 43% of traffickers, family members representing 26%**, and **intimate partners representing 22%**, demonstrating the complex relationships and power dynamics that often trap victims in cycles of exploitation; and

WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas (DVACK) provided direct services to **six human trafficking survivors in 2024**, including **five individuals from Saline County** and **one from Sedgwick County**; and

WHEREAS, **five survivors were residents of Salina** and **one was from Wichita**, reflecting that human trafficking impacts both rural and urban communities within our region; and

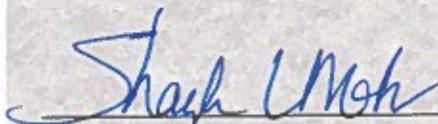
WHEREAS, DVACK remains committed to offering crisis intervention, advocacy, safety planning, housing support, and trauma-informed services to survivors of human trafficking, while also partnering with local, state, and national organizations to raise awareness and strengthen community response; and

WHEREAS, all community members play a vital role in preventing trafficking, supporting survivors, and creating a safer environment where exploitation is not tolerated;

NOW, THEREFORE, City of Abilene hereby recognizes **January 2026 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month** and encourages residents, service providers, and community partners to increase awareness, support survivors, and join DVACK in taking action to end human trafficking in all its forms.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of City of Abilene to be affixed this 26th day of January 2026

(ATTEST)


Shayla Mohr, CMC, City Clerk




Brandon Rein, Mayor