**CITY OF CASCADE PROCLAMATION 2025**

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND MODERN DAY SLAVERY PREVENTION MONTH**

WHEREAS, by Presidential Proclamation each January has been designated as “National Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery Prevention month.” In addition, January 11th has been designated National Human Trafficking Awareness Day; and,

WHEREAS, the issue of sex and labor trafficking are a violation of human rights. The hope of this Proclamation is to raise awareness of this topic; and,

WHEREAS, City of Cascade wishes to acknowledge the following organization for its tenth anniversary to raise awareness about human trafficking: Tri-State Coalition Against Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery and the United Nations Global Plan of Action; and,

WHEREAS, this organization has three pillars upon which is stands: “protect, prevent and prosecute”. We invite all residents of Cascade to educate themselves on this issue and to support these three pillars to help eradicate the problem; and,

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a national, state and local issue; we encourage involvement in the Coalition’s Lunch and Learn Program to develop advocacy protocols for survivors; and,

WHEREAS, we also invite parents, middle school/high school students, teachers, and all citizens to a FREE viewing of “Maya” on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 5:30 pm in the Dubuque Phoenix Theater.

NOW, THEREORE, I, STEVE KNEPPER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CASCADE, IOWA, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL, STAFF, AND RESIDENTS OF CASCADE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2025 AS

 “**HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND MODERN DAY SLAVERY PREVENTION**

 **MONTH”** IN THE CITY OF CASCADE, IOWA