PROCLAMATION
HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY
JANUARY 11, 2020

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. Victims of human trafficking are subjected to force, fraud, or coercion, for the purpose of sexual exploitation or forced labor; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is occurring at epidemic levels all over the world including communities throughout Martin County and the City of Stuart. Human Trafficking goes against basic human rights and there is a vital need to eradicate this crime; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement, federal and state agencies, non-profits, social service providers, private industry and non-governmental organizations including Catch the Wave of Hope Charitable Organization (CWH) are working to fight child sex trafficking in our community through awareness, education, prevention, restoration and legislation; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a growing epidemic that affects thousands of victims and Catch the Wave of Hope and their community partners are doing all they can to fight this horrific crime by bringing awareness to our local communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael J. Meier, Mayor of the City of Stuart, Florida do hereby proclaim that January 11, 2020 is:

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY

in the City of Stuart and urge citizens to stand with Catch the Wave of Hope to help end modern-day slavery and exploitation that affects children in our own backyard.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Stuart, Florida to be affixed this _____ of January, 2020.

ATTEST:

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MICHAEL J. MEIER
MAYOR