

# City of Poulsbo Proclamation

*Whereas*, human trafficking is a form of modern day slavery which includes, but is not limited to, forced labor, sexual exploitation, debt bondage, and forced marriages by use of fraud and/or coercion; and

*Whereas*, human trafficking is a billion dollar industry and is occurring at epidemic levels across the world; and

*Whereas*, human trafficking goes against basic human rights and there is a vital need to eradicate this crime; and

*Whereas*, human trafficking is a crime hidden in plain sight and touches all our lives through its presence in our communities; and

*Whereas*, both U.S. citizen and non-citizen men, women and children can be victims of human trafficking; and

*Whereas*, the City of Poulsbo is proud of its commitment to fight against human trafficking:

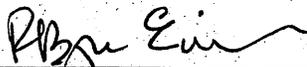
*Now*, Therefore, I, Becky Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, on behalf of the people of Poulsbo do hereby proclaim **January 11, 2012** and every January 11 hereafter as:

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY

In Poulsbo I urge all people to join me to bring awareness to and further the goal of equity and fairness for all by honoring this important observance.

Becky Erickson, Mayor of Poulsbo,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the Seal of the City of  
Poulsbo to be affixed this

Sixteenth day of December, 2011



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Rebecca (Becky) Erickson  
Mayor  
Poulsbo, Washington