

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The United States was founded on the principal that all people are born with an unalienable right to freedom—an ideal that has driven the engine of American progress throughout our history; and

WHEREAS, During National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, we acknowledge that forms of slavery still exist in the modern era, and we recommit ourselves to stopping the human traffickers who ply this horrific trade; and

WHEREAS, As we continue our fight to deliver on the promise of freedom, we commemorate the Emancipation Proclamation, which became effective on January 1, 1863, and the 13th Amendment, which was sent to the States for ratification on February 1, 1865; and

WHEREAS, Fighting modern slavery and human trafficking is a shared responsibility. This month, I urge all citizens to educate themselves about all forms of modern slavery and the signs and consequences of human trafficking. Together we can and must end this most serious, ongoing criminal civil rights violation.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Maher Maso, Mayor of the City of Frisco, Texas do hereby proclaim January 2011 as:

"NATIONAL SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH"

And call upon the people of Frisco to recognize the vital role we can play in ending modern slavery.

Maher Maso, Mayor