



Memorandum

Date: October 23, 2024

To: Mayor Christi Fraga
Vice Mayor Oscar Puig-Corve
Councilwoman Maureen Porras
Councilwoman Digna Cabral

From: Councilman Rafael Pineyro

Subject: **Ordinance in Support of Human Trafficking Public Awareness**

Introduction

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery which involves the exploitation of person for commercial sex or forced labor, an often subjects victims to force fraud and coercion. While many victims of human trafficking are forced to work in prostitution or the sexual entertainment industry, trafficking also occurs in forms of lab or exploitation, such as domestic servitude and restaurant, janitorial, sweatshop, factory and agricultural work.

Florida law authorizes municipalities to enforce posting of human trafficking public awareness signs in certain establishments. The placement of these signs assists victims in accessing local resources, and assist law enforcement to identify locations where human trafficking could be occurring.

I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this ordinance in order to curtail human trafficking incidences in our City.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact to this item.

Recommendation

I respectfully request Mayor and Council approval of the item.