

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Declaring January 2014 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month in Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

a. Today in the United States, it is estimated that as many as 300,000 minors are at risk for being trafficked for sexual exploitation. A recent Portland State University study identified 469 unduplicated victims in the Portland area alone.

b. This study found that 15.5 was the average age at which victims were first referred to DHS or the Sexual Assault Resource Center.

c. Human trafficking is modern day slavery, and an effective community response must include comprehensive services for victims, and a coordinated effort by law enforcement to punish the traffickers and other exploiters who drive this criminal industry.

d. There will be community events culminating in the annual celebration of National Freedom Day on February 1, 2013.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

1. January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month in Multnomah County, Oregon.

ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 20__.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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