

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

PROCLAMATION NO. 2016-002

Declaring January 2016 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Today, in Multnomah County, human trafficking exists in the form of commercial sexual exploitation. Local service and law enforcement partners have identified over 470 child victims and hundreds of adult victims.
- b. Sex traffickers use violence, threats, lies and other forms of coercion to force men, women, and children to engage in commercial sex acts against their will.
- c. These violent and coercive tactics do not end when a child turns 18, nor does the trauma the victim has endured. Yet, often the services and support stops. Through increased partnership development and training for service providers that support vulnerable populations, Multnomah County will be engaging in a two year program to increase our response to all victims of sex trafficking regardless of age or gender.
- d. An effective community response to sex trafficking must include comprehensive services for victims of all ages, a coordinated effort by law enforcement to identify the traffickers and buyers who drive this criminal industry, and provide training to all effected providers on the dynamics of sex trafficking in order to increase identification and effectively work together to combat this issue.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

January 2016 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Multnomah County, Oregon.

ADOPTED this 28th day of January, 2016.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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