

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

PROCLAMATION NO. 2018-007

Proclaiming January 2018 Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Multnomah County.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. As of December 2017, local jail intelligence shows 327 underage victims are experiencing commercial sexual exploitation as well as over 1,000 adults estimated to be victims.
- b. Traffickers use force, fraud, and coercion to profit from selling members of our community.
- c. Sex trafficking is a complex and pervasive problem and is not confined to any one group of people, but crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal barriers.
- d. Multnomah County's engagement in local and regional partnerships is critical to successfully combat commercial sexual exploitation. It is essential to address human trafficking through prevention, public safety, and health and human services programs.


The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

1. January 2018 to be Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Multnomah County.
2. We urge all Multnomah County residents to actively work towards the elimination of human trafficking by supporting victims, holding perpetrators responsible, and promoting healthy, respectful relationships.

ADOPTED this 25th day of January, 2018.



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Deborah Kafoury, Chair

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