

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

PROCLAMATION NO. 2016-130

Proclaiming Multnomah County's Commitment to End Human Trafficking and the Exploitation of Vulnerable Members of Our Community.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

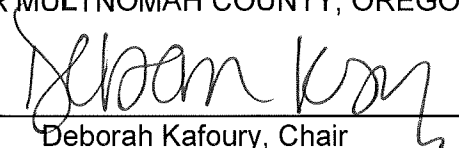
- a. Today, in Multnomah County, human trafficking is an issue in our community. In 2013 a study identified 469 unduplicated cases of minors being trafficked. To support this population, Multnomah County has developed a system of care that includes shelter services, victim advocacy, mental health treatment, prosecution and law enforcement resources, and integrated system coordination. Partners who serve minor victims have also identified over 600 possible adult victims.
- b. Traffickers use force, fraud, and coercion to profit from selling men, women, and children for sex in our county. However, it is the demand to purchase sex which allows traffickers to profit and sustain this criminal industry. If there is no demand, there is no profit. In Multnomah County half of the arrested buyers are county residents, the other half travel to our community to participate in this criminal behavior. The County's engagement in local and regional partnerships is critical to successfully combat commercial sexual exploitation.
- c. Multnomah County's mission statement is "prioritizes the needs of our most vulnerable and promotes a healthy, safe and prosperous community for all." Multnomah County demonstrates its commitment to this issue through programming, policies, and by joining PDX Best as an Alliance Member.
- d. PDX BEST helps businesses leverage their unique position as marketplace influencers in raising awareness regarding trafficking and sexual exploitation and provides effective and sustainable solutions to the crisis.
- e. To highlight Multnomah County's commitment, policies are in place to prevent employees from this behavior while at work or while representing the County, including Personnel Rules 3-10, 3-35, 3-37 and 3-47.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners proclaims its continued commitment to end human trafficking and the exploitation of vulnerable members of our community.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of December, 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON


Deborah Kafoury, Chair

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