

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Proclaiming July 2010 Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Multnomah County, and joining with the City of Portland in raising awareness of the dangers of Human Trafficking in our region and committing to continue to fight the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- A. Today, right here in the United States, it is estimated that 300,000 minors are being trafficked for sexual exploitation. Ninety percent of the victims are American citizens.
- B. The average age of entry into the sex industry is 12 years old.
- C. Under the Federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, any child under the age of 18 being sexually exploited is a victim of human trafficking and is entitled to appropriate services.
- D. To raise awareness of this often overlooked or ignored crime, Multnomah County is joining with the City of Portland and community organizations to hold a series of events in July, all open to the public.
 - a. On July 10 at 3pm in Shemanski Park, Commissioners McKeel, Willer and Saltzman will participate in a public witness event to Stop the Demand for Trafficking in Women and Children sponsored by over fifteen faith-based and community organizations.
 - b. On July 12 at 6pm at Kell's Irish Pub in Portland, Dr. Bill Hillar, the man whose life was the inspiration for the movie "Taken," will be telling his personal story. Dr. Hillar has dedicated his life to ending this atrocity through educating citizens, law enforcement, students and others on how they can help.
 - c. On July 21, in the Portland City Council Chambers, the City of Portland will adopt a sister proclamation.
 - d. On July 27 at 12pm, in the Multnomah County board room, there will be a screening of the recently produced episode of Dan Rather Reports, entitled "Pornland, Oregon: Child Prostitution in Portland."

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

July 2010 Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Multnomah County and encourages the citizens of our county to attend one or all of the events intended to increase awareness and understanding of this danger.

ADOPTED this 1st day of July, 2010

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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