



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 7/1/2010
Agenda Item #: R-5
Est. Start Time: 10:00 am
Date Submitted: 6/23/2010

Agenda Title: Proclaiming July 2010 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Multnomah County and Committing to Continue to Fight the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children.

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date:	<u>July 1, 2010</u>	Amount of Time Needed:	<u>60 minutes</u>
Department:	<u>Non-departmental</u>	Division:	<u>Districts 2 & 4</u>
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Presenter(s):	<u>City Commissioner Dan Saltzman, Joslyn Baker, Detective Meghan Burkeen, Chris Hennel, Chris Kilmer, Sgt Jesse Luna, Esther Nelson, JR Ujifusa, Rod Underhill, Wynne Wakkila, Jeri Williams, Corie Wiren, Captain Linda Yankee</u>		

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Proclaim July 2010 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Multnomah County, commit to continuing the fight against commercial sexual exploitation of children and look for opportunities to leverage our resources to help victims.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Human trafficking is the second largest and fastest growing criminal industry in the world, according to the Polaris Project. Victims are sold and trafficked for labor and the commercial sex industry. Many of those exploited are children. Some of the forms of violence traffickers use to control their victims include brutal beatings, rape, lies and deception, threats of serious harm or familial harm, and psychological abuse.

The victims of human trafficking come from all racial and ethnic groups, are both male and female, rich or poor. In the United States, nearly 300,000 children are at risk for sex

trafficking and sexual exploitation. Currently the average age of entry into prostitution is 12 years old. Victims have been identified in all 50 states, including Oregon. In a recent FBI undercover sting Portland was ranked second in the nation for victims found, with Seattle being number one.

In response to greater awareness and the growing number of victims, efforts across the nation are underway to strengthen the work being done to end human trafficking. These efforts include recognizing victims as such and not as criminals, building safe houses and strengthening state and federal laws.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

None.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

Under the Federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), any child under the age of 18 being sexually exploited is a victim of human trafficking and is entitled to appropriate services.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman will be hosting a briefing before City Council later this month and will be bringing forward a companion proclamation for Portland City Council to consider. Multnomah County will work with the City of Portland, other governmental and non-governmental agencies to fight human trafficking.

Required Signature

**Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:**

Diane McKel
Barbara Willer

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