

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION _____

Honoring January 11, 2011 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Multnomah County.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. A resolution passed by Congress in 2007 and proposed by Senators Feinstein, Obama, Luger and Cornyn, designated January 11 of each year as Human Trafficking Awareness Day in the United States.
- b. Human Trafficking is the modern day practice of slavery.
- c. Today in the United States, it is estimated that 300,000 minors are at risk for being trafficked for sexual exploitation. Nearly seventy-five percent of the victims are American citizens.
- d. The average age of entry into the sex industry is 12 to 14 years old.
- e. Trafficking continues because of the huge potential for profit, based on enormous demand, and because of the negligible or low risk of prosecution.
- f. Mortality rates for women in prostitution are over 200 times greater than those of women with similar demographic profiles.
- g. On January 14, 2011, there will be a Northwest Conference Against Trafficking.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

January 11, 2011 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Multnomah County.

ADOPTED this 6th day of January 2011.

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