

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

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Proclaiming January 2017 Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Multnomah County:

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Recent research has shown that over 470 underage victims are experiencing commercial sexual exploitation as well as over 600 adults estimated to be victims in this jurisdiction.
- 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 group or groups 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. Multnomah County is proven a leader in addressing human trafficking through its prevention, public safety, and health and human services programs.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

1. January 2017 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 19th day of January, 2017.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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