

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

**PROCLAMATION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

Declaring January 2015 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month in Multnomah County, Oregon

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- a. Today, in Multnomah County, human trafficking exists in the form of commercial sexual exploitation. Local service and law enforcement partners have identified over 470 child victims and over 420 traffickers in this jurisdiction.
- b. Sex traffickers use violence, threats, lies and other forms of coercion to force men, women, and children to engage in commercial sex acts against their will.
- c. The demand to purchase sex allows traffickers to profit from selling sex. If there is no demand, there is no profit. In Multnomah County, half of the arrested buyers are county residents, and the other half of the buyers 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.
- d. An effective community response to sex trafficking must include comprehensive services for victims, and a coordinated effort by law enforcement to punish the traffickers and buyers who drive this criminal industry.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:**

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**ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.**

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

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