

State Of Florida

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the United States was founded on the principle that all people are born with an unalienable right to freedom and liberty and human rights are fundamental principles of our country; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is the business of stealing freedom for profit through forced labor, debt bondage, servitude and commercial sexual exploitation; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a multi-billion-dollar criminal industry with an estimated 24.9 million victims around the world at any given time; and

WHEREAS, the victims of human trafficking are citizens and immigrants, men, women and children; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida continues to be a national leader in awareness, training, services and legislative efforts to combat this crime; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature allocated funding in their 2022-2023 budget to ensure therapeutic services to support survivors of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Florida has state-supported task forces in all 20 Florida judicial circuits offering important connections and communication statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking continues to build on existing state and local, public and private partnerships to eradicate human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking allows state leaders to come together to examine the enhancement of victim safety and recovery, amplify law enforcement tools, resources and trainings, increase public awareness and address legislative priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida do hereby recognize January 2023, as

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

in Florida and commend law enforcement, local governments and communities, and citizens for their support and efforts in combating this atrocious crime and for remaining vigilant and cognizant of the issue in order to protect citizens and visitors of our great State.

WHEREFORE, the Governor and the Cabinet of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee on this 17th day of January, 2023.





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