

# 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 27.6 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 2023–2024 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 2024, as

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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 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.



  
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