

**A PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF
HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY**

JANUARY 11, 2015

WHEREAS: HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS MODERN-DAY SLAVERY, AND IS THE ILLEGAL TRADE IN HUMAN BEINGS THROUGH RECRUITMENT OR ABDUCTION, BY MEANS OF FORCE, FRAUD, OR COERCION FOR THE PURPOSES OF FORCED LABOR, DEBT BONDAGE, OR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION; AND

WHEREAS: HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS A CRIME THAT IS IN DIRECT OPPOSITION TO THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY AND HUMAN RIGHTS UPON WHICH OUR NATION WAS FOUNDED; AND

WHEREAS: HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS A BORDERLESS CRIME WHICH TARGETS MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN, BOTH U.S. CITIZENS AND FOREIGN NATIONALS, ISOLATING THEM FROM SOCIETY AND SUPPORTIVE NETWORKS, AND EXPLOITING THEM FOR PERSONAL AND MONETARY GAIN; AND

WHEREAS: ONE HALF OF ALL VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING ARE CHILDREN, AND ALL MINORS IN THE SEX TRADE ARE VICTIMS; AND

WHEREAS: HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS THE FASTEST GROWING CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE IN THE WORLD TODAY, AND IS SECOND ONLY TO THE INTERNATIONAL ILLICIT DRUG TRADE; AND

WHEREAS: SOUTHEAST FLORIDA IS A MAJOR HUB FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AND FLORIDA RANKS THIRD HIGHEST IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THIS HEINOUS CRIME; AND

WHEREAS: THE PUBLIC NEEDS TO BE AWARE THAT SLAVERY CAN BE HAPPENING RIGHT NEXT DOOR, AND MORE PEOPLE ARE NOW ENSLAVED WORLDWIDE THAN HAVE BEEN AT ANY OTHER POINT IN HUMAN HISTORY; AND

WHEREAS: ON FEBRUARY 1, 1865, PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN SIGNED THE 13TH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, AND ONCE RATIFIED IT OFFICIALLY OUTLAWED SLAVERY AND INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE, EXCEPT AS PUNISHMENT FOR A CRIME; AND

WHEREAS: THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD STANDS COMMITTED TO PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS AND INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM BY ELIMINATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING THROUGH CONTINUED PROSECUTION, EDUCATION AND AWARENESS; NOW

THEREFORE: PETER BOBER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JANUARY 11, 2015, AS:

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY

IN HOLLYWOOD, AND ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF
AND OPPOSITION TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

SIGNED THIS 7th DAY OF
JANUARY 2015, AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR PETER BOBER
VICE MAYOR KEVIN D. BIEDERMAN
COMMISSIONER PATRICIA ASSEFF
COMMISSIONER PETER D. HERNANDEZ
COMMISSIONER TRACI L. CALLARI
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