

IN RECOGNITION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY

JANUARY 11, 2018

- 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 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:** 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:** 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 ACCORDING TO THE 2017 DATA COLLECTED BY THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE, FLORIDA CONTINUES TO RANK THIRD IN THE NATION IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING; AND
- WHEREAS:** CASES OF COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN CONTINUE TO RISE ACROSS THE STATE, HOWEVER METHODS OF IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION CONTINUE TO IMPROVE AND UNCOVER THESE CRIMES; 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; 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:** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JANUARY 11, 2018, 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 11th DAY OF
JANUARY 2018, AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR JOSH LEVY
VICE MAYOR DEBRA CASE
COMMISSIONER PETER D. HERNANDEZ
COMMISSIONER TRACI L. CALLARI
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