

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

PROCLAMATION NO. 2021-001

Proclaiming January 2021 Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Human trafficking disproportionately impacts those most marginalized in our community.
- b. The voices of those most impacted must be front and center in every aspect of our effort to prevent and respond to human trafficking.
- c. It is essential that residents of Multnomah County work together to raise awareness in a way that honors those impacted.
- d. Multnomah County's engagement in local and regional partnerships is critical to successfully prevent and response to human trafficking.
- e. An effective response to human trafficking must include the collaboration of elected officials, governmental departments, law enforcement, and service providers to cultivate a comprehensive approach that creates a safer community.
- f. It is critical that we believe people when they tell us they have been harmed.
- g. As of July 2020, local jail intelligence shows currently 539 minors and 1,506 adults estimated to be victims of sex trafficking. Intelligence also shows 1,261 suspected and prosecuted traffickers. There have been over 1,261 cited purchasers and 119 individuals charged with luring and purchasing a minor since 2009 in the Portland Metro Area.
- h. As a system, it is important to be led by those who have been impacted by this issue to effectively address it. Over the past two years a small team from the Multnomah County Sex Trafficking Collaborative worked with survivors, community members, government colleagues, and others nationally to build a robust community advisory board. This board is comprised of individuals who have experienced sex trafficking who provide insight, guidance, and leadership to the Multnomah County Sex Trafficking Collaborative.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

January 2021 to be Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Multnomah County.

ADOPTED this 7th day of January, 2021.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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