

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

PROCLAMATION NO. 2023-007

Proclaiming January 2023 as 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 and expertise 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 respond 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. In fiscal year 2021-22, the New Day program, which is funded by the County and operated by New Avenues for Youth, worked with 184 unique youth who were identified as sex trafficking victims or at high risk of being trafficked.
- 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 four 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 and provide insight, guidance, and leadership to the Multnomah County Sex Trafficking Collaborative.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

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ADOPTED this 26th day of January, 2023.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Jessica Vega Pederson, Chair

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