

THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE CERTIFIES
THAT THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FORMALLY
APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON

DATE

SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR

R E S O L U T I O N

SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

January 12, 2017

Recognizing January as Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness Month

Whereas, the United States was founded upon the principle that all people are created with the unalienable right to freedom, and added the 13th Amendment to the Constitution making slavery illegal; and

Whereas, slavery within the United States today is most often found in the form of forced labor and sex trafficking, which weakens our social fabric, increases violence in organized crime, and debases our humanity; and

Whereas, this problem and heinous crime is found even within our state of Iowa; and

Whereas, the Iowa Network Against Human Trafficking has been working for 10 years to abolish all forms of human trafficking through education, volunteerism, advocacy and collaboration;

Whereas, every business, community organization, faith community, family and individual can make a difference by choosing products that are not made by forced labor; by working to protect our young people from sexual exploitation; by addressing the problem of internet sex trafficking and pornography; and by becoming more aware of the problem and possible solutions;

Therefore, Scott County Board of Supervisors, joining Governor Branstad, declares January as Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness month, and encourages all Iowans to become more familiar with the problem, to be vigilant and report suspicious activity, and to work towards solutions to end trafficking in all its forms in Iowa.

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Scott County Board of Supervisors as follows:

- Section 1. That the Board of Supervisors does hereby declare January as Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness month;
- Section 2. That the Board of Supervisors encourages all citizens work towards solutions to end trafficking in all its forms in Iowa;
- Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.