

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

DATE

SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR

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January 24, 2019

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, human trafficking is modern-day slavery, claiming nearly 40 million victims worldwide, and found in the United States most often in the form of sexual exploitation, forced labor, involuntary servitude, and debt bondage; and

WHEREAS, this horrific crime, which denies human dignity and freedom, and fuels organized crime, exists in our nation, our state and our own community, and

WHEREAS, even though awareness of this crime is growing, human trafficking continues to go unreported due to its isolating nature, the misunderstanding of its definition, and the lack of awareness about its indicators; and

WHEREAS increased community education on how to identify victims of human trafficking along with increased knowledge of local resources and services for those affected by these criminal actions can help restore freedom and dignity to identified survivors, as well as help diminish the number of future victims; and

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; and

WHEREAS, Scott County joins the Iowa Network Against Trafficking and Slavery and the Braking Traffik Program of Family Resources, in their dedication to providing community outreach and education, legislative advocacy, training, promotion of services to survivors of human trafficking, and collaboration with law enforcement.

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

- Section 1. That the Board of Supervisors does hereby declare the month of January as Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness month;
- Section 2. That the Board of Supervisors encourages all citizens to become more informed on this growing problem, to be vigilant and report suspicious activity and to work towards solutions to end trafficking in all its forms in our community;
- Section 3. That the Board of Supervisors encourages all citizens that if they see something that doesn't look right, take action and call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 888-373-4555;
- Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.