

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 7, 2021

Recognizing January as Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention 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 millions 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 every 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, fighting human trafficking is a shared responsibility, the efforts by our local community to promote the yearly observance of "Human Trafficking Prevention Month" in January enact one of the examples of the continuous commitment in the United States and with the Iowa Network Against Human Trafficking & Slavery to increase awareness of and to actively eradicate human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Scott County joins Braking Traffik, a program of Family Resources, in their dedication to providing community outreach and education, legislative advocacy, and comprehensive services to survivors of human trafficking.

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 month;
- Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.