

Executive Department

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of all members of a society to root out evil where it exists and protect and defend the innocent from those who would prey upon them; and

WHEREAS, each year, hundreds of Ohio children and adults become victims of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Governor's Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force was created to help identify victims, support law enforcement efforts to investigate and prosecute human trafficking crimes and to provide the services and treatment necessary for victims to regain control of their lives; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Ohio's efforts, more victims have access to justice and more offenders are being punished because of a strong state response, but more work must be done to end human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, it is important to provide more extensive training for first responders, to implement public awareness programs and to educate Ohioans on the key warning signs of human trafficking and how to report suspicious activity to law enforcement and connect victims to assistance; and

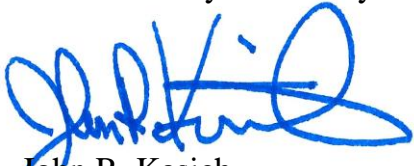
WHEREAS, no community is immune from this threat, and we must continue to work together to support survivors, stop the perpetrators and fight human trafficking.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize January 2018 as

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to raise awareness and advocate against human trafficking.

On this 1st day of January 2018;



John R. Kasich
Governor



Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor

