



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, human trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act or labor services through the use of force, fraud or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such acts has not attained 18 years of age; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking victims may be of any age, gender, race or background and the most vulnerable are victims of child abuse, runaway youth, people without homes and victims of domestic violence, conflict or social discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the Trafficking Protection Act of 2000 criminalized human trafficking at the federal level; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee addresses the issue of human trafficking through legislative efforts, strong policy and collaborative work; and

WHEREAS, dedicating a month to promote education, resources and community efforts will provide Tennesseans with the knowledge to identify and prevent human trafficking;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim January 2020 as

Human Trafficking Awareness Month

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twelfth day of December, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State