



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Alabama's Human Trafficking Awareness Month was established in January 2011 in observance of National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, to proclaim the equality and freedom of all people, to advocate for legislation, to educate leaders and to encourage public awareness to the various forms of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a public health issue and crime that affects individuals, families and communities across generations, exploiting the most vulnerable among us and weakening our collective well-being; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking occurs when an adult or child is recruited, harbored, obtained or exported through force, fraud or coercion for the purposes of sexual exploitation, forced labor, involuntary servitude, debt bondage and other methods of slavery; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 27.6 million people are subjected to human trafficking globally, including cases reported in every state and territory across the United States; and

WHEREAS, due to its isolating nature, many individuals remain unaware that trafficking is a threat to their neighborhoods, families and children. The first step in eliminating human trafficking in our communities is education. We must work diligently to ensure that all front-line industries, educators, first responders and parents are aware of this issue, know how to spot it and how to report it. We must work together as a community to bring victims to safety and punish the perpetrators; and

WHEREAS, Alabama seeks to enhance public welfare, protect public safety and promote human flourishing for all residents and visitors by declaring that freedom from human trafficking is a fundamental human right;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim January 2024, as

Human Trafficking Awareness Month

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 11th day of January 2024.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor