



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

AND

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY

2022

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, human trafficking involves the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a human being for the purpose of a commercial sex act, labor or services by means of force, fraud or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform a sex act has not reached 18 years of age; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a crime against an individual that violates their basic human rights, depriving victims of human dignity and freedom, regardless of race, religion, gender, age, citizenship, or socioeconomic status; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's location along the east coast and major highways across the state contribute to the progressive challenge of human trafficking and now with the global outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, social and economic vulnerabilities to human trafficking increased; and

WHEREAS, 300 human trafficking survivors were served in 2020 by state-funded sexual assault agencies, according to data collected by the North Carolina Council for Women and Youth Involvement, a resource to service providers, communities, families, and individuals through online, self-paced trainings; and

WHEREAS, the state of North Carolina is protecting residents from human trafficking through prevention, protection, prosecution, and partnership between the NC Human Trafficking Commission, Council for Women and Youth Involvement, and other state organizations that educate and serve as a resource for North Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, increased education on how to identify human trafficking along with increased knowledge of resources and services can help North Carolina communities, families and individuals recognize the risk factors and signs of sex and labor trafficking to help in our response to human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Human Trafficking Awareness Month provides an opportunity to recognize the critical role all North Carolinians have in preventing and responding to this crime;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim January 11, 2022, as "HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY" and January 2022 as "HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirtieth day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.