



Gary Richard Herbert
Governor
Declaration

Whereas, human trafficking is a form of modern day slavery and a global atrocity of epidemic proportions threatening the entire human family, including Utahns;

Whereas, human trafficking violates the most fundamental Constitutional principles of liberty and human rights upon which our nation was founded, depriving victims of innocence, dignity, and self-determination;

Whereas, human traffickers target boys and girls, women and men from all walks of life, but especially the vulnerable and marginalized, isolating them from society and supportive networks and exploiting them for personal and monetary gain;

Whereas, human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal enterprise worldwide and trails only drug trafficking but may soon surpass it as the most lucrative international crime;

Whereas, respected humanitarian organizations estimate that more than 40 million people are currently enslaved to trafficking worldwide, more than at any other point in human history;

Whereas, the State of Utah has been at the forefront in the fight against human trafficking by liberating victims, bringing traffickers to justice, and protecting and empowering survivors;

Whereas, the Utah Attorney General's Office has been a forceful voice in combatting trafficking and continues to lead Utahns in their collective efforts to aggressively fight this evil enterprise; and,

Whereas, the people of Utah, regardless of political persuasion, creed, race, or national origin, stand together with the global community to protect the fundamental freedoms and rights of all persons, to fight the proliferation of human trafficking in all its forms, and to assist survivors of modern day slavery;

Now, Therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the great State of Utah, do hereby declare January 2018 as

Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

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