

CAN YOU SEE HER?

It's time to open our eyes. Victims of the sex trade, domestic servitude, and forced labor have been invisible, until now.

RECOGNIZE

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

TO REPORT SUSPECTED TRAFFICKING CALL

1-866-DHS-2-ICE
1-866-347-2423

For victim support call **1-888-373-7888** | Text INFO or HELP to BeFree (233733)



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PROCLAMATION

STALKING & HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH January 2016

WHEREAS, anyone can be a victim of stalking – regardless of age, sex, background, or gender identity, with most young women being disproportionately at risk. Stalkers seek to intimidate their victims through repeated unwanted contact, including harassing phone calls, text messages, or emails. Cyber stalking is increasing with stalking victims reporting being harassed through the internet or electronic monitoring. Many victims suffer from anxiety, depression and insomnia, and some are forced to move or change jobs.

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a heinous crime that involves the exploitation of a person for the purpose of compelled labor or sex. Human trafficking includes the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or other services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion, for the purpose of subjecting that person to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery. Human trafficking includes sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the victim is under 18 years of age. Any person under the age of 18 years old who is engaged in commercial sex acts, regardless of the use of force, fraud, or coercion, is a victim of human trafficking.

WHEREAS, human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal industry in the world, with nearly 27 million victims; globally, there are 4.5 million victims of sex slavery and between 100,000 to 300,000 U.S. children are enslaved in sex trafficking each year. In the U.S., the average age of recruitment into sex slavery is 12 to 14 years old, and approximately 20% of all internet pornography involves children who are victims of human trafficking.

WHEREAS, human trafficking endangers the lives of millions of people around the world, and it is a crime that knows no borders. Trafficking networks operate both domestically and transnationally, and although abuses disproportionately affect women and girls, the victims of this ongoing global tragedy are men, women, and children of all ages.

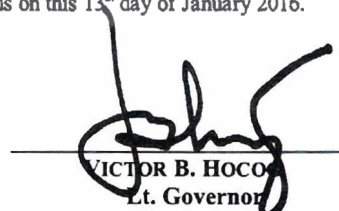
WHEREAS, human trafficking is a severe crime that deprives and violates victims of their fundamental human dignity. It is a global issue. All local and federal law enforcement, social services, victim advocacy groups, medical, mental health and public health professionals, educational institutions, faith based organizations, private sector, Consulates, and other community stakeholders must work together to effectively prevent, investigate and prosecute, and protect victims of human trafficking. We must come together as one community to dialogue and take action against all forms of oppression of the human spirit – to combat against stalking and human trafficking; violence against women; and child abuse and sexual exploitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RALPH DLG. TORRES, and I, VICTOR B. HOCOG, by virtue of the authority vested in us by the Constitution and Laws of the Commonwealth as Governor and Lt. Governor, hereby proclaim January as Stalking and Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month. I strongly encourage our CNMI family to band together and raise awareness about these heinous crimes against humanity. I urge residents to reach out to victims, and show them there is support and help available for them. These are our islands. We will not allow fear in our community. We will not stand idly by as the basic human rights of others are destroyed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto set our hands on this 13th day of January 2016.



RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor



VICTOR B. HOCOG
Lt. Governor