

# State Of Florida

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the United States was founded on the principle that all people are born with an unalienable right to freedom; and liberty and human rights are fundamental principles of our country; and

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking is modern-day slavery exercised through forced labor, debt bondage, servitude, and commercial sexual exploitation; and

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking is a \$150 billion dollar a year industry, second to drug smuggling, with over 20 million victims around the world of which, two million victims could be in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the victims of human trafficking are citizens and immigrants, men, women and children; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida continues to lead the nation in awareness, training, services and legislative efforts to combat this crime; and

**WHEREAS**, safe houses providing much needed care and services continue to open in our state; and

**WHEREAS**, the state has launched its first public-private coordinated services model; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida now has state supported task forces in all 20 Florida judicial circuits offering important connections and communication statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking has allowed increased state, local, national and international cooperation to eradicate human trafficking; and

**WHEREAS**, the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking allows state leaders to come together to help victims and survivors of human trafficking by establishing an appropriate and caring environment for recovery.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida do hereby recognize January 2019, as

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in Florida and commend law enforcement, local governments and communities, and citizens for their support and efforts in combating this modern-day slave trade and for remaining vigilant and cognizant of the issue in order to protect citizens and visitors of our great State.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF** the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

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**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

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**ASHLEY MOODY**  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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**JIMMY PATRONIS**  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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**NICOLE FRIED**  
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE