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AG Moody to Lead National Human Trafficking Committee



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody will serve as Co-Chair of the <u>National</u> <u>Association of Attorneys General Human Trafficking Committee</u>. The committee will investigate and promote best practices for combating trafficking at a state level, including law enforcement and prosecution strategies, educational outreach efforts and alliances with partner agencies and non-governmental organizations. <u>NAAG</u> is made up of all 56 attorneys general from the United States and territories, and facilitates the collaboration and execution of national bipartisan efforts among attorneys general.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "I am honored to lead attorneys general across the nation to end human trafficking. Human trafficking is a scourge on society and fighting to end it in Florida has been one of my top priorities since taking office. I will help lead this committee in an effort to identify new tactics and innovative approaches to end human trafficking in Florida and nationwide."

In addition to leading as Co-Chair on the Human Trafficking Committee, Attorney General Moody will serve on NAAG's Elder Justice Committee and Law Enforcement and Prosecutorial Relations Working Group this year.

Founded in 1907, NAAG helps attorneys general fulfill the responsibilities of their offices and assists in the delivery of high-quality legal services to the states and territorial jurisdictions. Fighting human trafficking is a major priority for Attorney General Moody, who serves as Chair on the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking in Florida. The Council consists of 15 members from law enforcement, prosecutors, legislators and experts in the health, education and social

services fields who work to build on existing state and local partnerships to combat human trafficking.

For more information about the Council, click <u>here</u>.

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Earlier this week, Attorney General Moody presented a Cabinet resolution recognizing January as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. To learn more about the Cabinet resolution, click here.

January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. To view Attorney General Moody's message on National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, click <u>here</u>.

In addition to serving as Chair on the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking, Attorney General Moody:

- Hosted the <u>2019 Human Trafficking Summit</u> in Orlando and set a registration record with more than 850 registered attendees;
 - Joined <u>Truckers Against Trafficking and the Florida Trucking Association</u> in hosting a half-day training course aimed at educating truckers on identifying human trafficking and how to report it;
 - Partnered with Uber ahead of <u>the 2020 Super Bowl in Miami</u> to train drivers to spot and report human trafficking;
 - Worked with <u>local law enforcement agencies</u> on <u>multiple cases</u> to rescue trafficking victims and <u>arrest and prosecute human traffickers;</u>
 - Ordered a comprehensive review of all Florida policies and task forces related to human trafficking; and
 - Assigned Statewide Prosecutors to all local human trafficking task forces in each of Florida's 20 judicial circuits.

Recently, Shared Hope International gave Florida an A grade in the group's Protected Innocence Challenge for the state's human trafficking laws and resources for law enforcement officers. For more information, click <u>here</u>.

Learn how to spot and report human trafficking by visiting YouCanStopHT.com.

Report suspected human trafficking by calling the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1(888) 373-7888.