

RESOLUTION NO. **R-024-** 001THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADOA RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JANUARY HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION  
MONTH AND JANUARY 11, 2024 HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY

*WHEREAS*, human trafficking is a serious crime impacting communities everywhere - even in Douglas County, and involves the exploitation of adults and children for the purposes of compelled labor or commercial sex work; in Colorado it most often presents as sexual exploitation, forced labor, involuntary servitude, and debt bondage; and

*WHEREAS*, human trafficking is a scourge; a crime that hides in plain sight, and most often goes unreported due to several complex issues including its covert nature, the lack of awareness about trafficking indicators, and methods of coercion and control employed by traffickers; and

*WHEREAS*, fighting human trafficking must include educating the community on trafficking indicators and the resources/services available for victims of these criminal acts; and

*WHEREAS*, by effectively encouraging the public to understand the signs of trafficking, pay attention to their surroundings, and report unusual situations to law enforcement, together we can help restore freedom and dignity to trafficking survivors as well as help diminish the number of future victims; and

*WHEREAS*, the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County joins together with its law enforcement partners, including the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and the 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office, to demonstrate a joint commitment to prevention, prosecution and eradication of human trafficking by increasing awareness.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County proclaims January Human Trafficking Prevention Month and January 11, 2024 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Douglas County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of January, 2024, in Castle Rock, Colorado.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO

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