

Proclamation

Every year, thousands of men, women and children are subjected to human trafficking. A modern day form of slavery, trafficking has been outlawed by both national governments and international organizations, and yet the issue persists all over the world. This crime exploits individuals of all ages and genders, operating primarily in the shadows.

Since 2000, the international community's focus has been on prevention, the protection of victims and the prosecution of trafficking offenders. Raising awareness and offering preventative services are key components of the efforts to prevent human trafficking and assist its victims.

In this endeavor, Monroe County has partnered with the Center for Youth on the Safe Harbour program. Through Safe Harbour we are able to locate victims of sex trafficking, provide resources and serve as advocates for vulnerable youth that otherwise have none.

It is appropriate that a day is set apart each year for the purpose of acknowledging the serious issue of trafficking along with the great work done by preventative services both locally and abroad. Today serves as a reminder of the vital role we must play in ending all forms of slavery and helping those in need here in Monroe County.

Therefore, I, Cheryl Dinolfo, Monroe County Executive, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, January 11th, 2017 to be the:

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

in Monroe County, and urge all citizens, organizations and agencies to spread awareness about the dangers of human trafficking and our fundamental necessity to protect our vulnerable populations.

I HAVE HEREUNTO set my hand this eleventh day of the month of January in the year two thousand and seventeen.





CHERYL DINOLFO
MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE