10 Things Local Governments Can Do to Stop Human Trafficking

1. Adopt a Proclamation recognizing January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

2. Adopt a local ordinance to enforce the posting of human trafficking public awareness signs for rest areas, weigh stations, hospital emergency rooms, massage establishments and other places under s.787.29, Florida Statutes.

3. Fund and support human trafficking services for survivors and entities in the community like STAC who are assisting survivors and collaborating to end human trafficking.

4. Adopt other innovative approaches taken in other cities and counties around the nation for your community. See what the City of Houston has done and a global call to action.

5. Add a requirement that all vendors who contract with the local government certify that goods and services provided to the local government are human trafficking-free.

6. Allocate local government funding and support local initiatives to help educate the community about human trafficking, such as Leon County, FL, which created a training for all businesses and workspaces to know how to respond to human trafficking and take the Leon County training for businesses to learn how to recognize, respond, and stop human trafficking. Register at STACPRO.org!

7. Sponsor or host community education and action events for youth and adults to help all residents recognize and respond to suspected human trafficking and promote and share information about local learning events throughout January and all year.

8. Ask local government and community leaders and representatives to join the Big Bend Coalition Against Human Trafficking (BBCAHT). Contact Kellianne.Dougherty@usdoj.gov for more information.

9. Incorporate information into local city and county directories, and other awareness efforts (like utility mailings and emails) about the National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-3737-888. Text "Help" or "Info" to 233733 and see HumanTraffickingHotline.org

10. Spotlight and support local businesses that are free of human trafficking and demand fair trade and slavery-free goods. See SlaveryFootprint.org to learn more.

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