

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a form of slavery that severely victimizes vulnerable populations including women, children and impoverished individuals; and
WHEREAS, human trafficking occurs when a person is recruited, harbored, transported or obtained for the purpose of commercial sex, forced labor, involuntary servitude, debt bondage or slavery through force, fraud or coercion or the victim has not reached the age of eighteen; and
WHEREAS, human trafficking denies freedom to 20.9 million people in the United States and around the world; and
WHEREAS, cases of human trafficking have been reported and prosecuted in all 50 states; and
WHEREAS, Phoenix has been identified as one of the top human trafficking jurisdictions in the nation; and
WHEREAS, Arizona policy makers have attempted to combat human trafficking through the adoption of laws prohibiting human trafficking and related activities; and
WHEREAS, the Governor's Arizona Human Trafficking Council has made significant strides in the areas of public awareness, victim services, data collection and training in order to secure Arizona against this crime; and
WHEREAS, Arizona is committed to raising public awareness and ensuring Arizona is a zero tolerance state for any form of human trafficking; and
WHEREAS, Arizona is committed to protecting victims' rights and restoring their freedom and dignity; and
WHEREAS, January has been proclaimed National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month.
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim January 2016 as

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



Douglas A. Ducey

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this second day of December in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

ATTEST:

Michelle Reagan

SECRETARY OF STATE