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### PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, we stand with the Worcester County Sheriff's Office and the Eastern Shore Human Trafficking Task Force to retroactively recognize January as Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Human trafficking is a serious problem in which traffickers use violence, threats, deception, and other manipulative tactics to force and coerce youth and adults to engage in commercial sex acts or to provide labor or services against their will; and

**WHEREAS**, between June 2013 and May 2020 there were reports of child sex trafficking in every Eastern Shore County, and thanks to prevention efforts from law enforcement and groups including the Eastern Shore Human Trafficking Task Force, more than 127 human trafficking victims have been rescued in Maryland.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland, retroactively proclaim January 2022 as **Human Trafficking Prevention Month** in Worcester County.

Executed under the Seal of the County of Worcester, State of Maryland, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



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