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RECOGNIZING JULY 30, 2023 AS WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

WHEREAS, July 30, 2023 is World Day Against Trafficking in Persons and aims to raise awareness of disturbing developments and trends identified by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a grave violation of human rights; and

WHEREAS, those who lack legal status, live in poverty, have limited access to education, healthcare, or decent work, face discrimination, violence, or abuse, or come from marginalized communities are often the primary targets of traffickers; and

WHEREAS, globally, national responses to human trafficking appear to be decreasing as detection rates fell by 11% in 2020 and convictions plummeted by 27% suggesting a worldwide slowdown in the criminal justice response to trafficking; and

WHEREAS, 41% of victims who manage to escape their ordeal reach out to the authorities on their own initiative indicating that anti-trafficking responses are falling short; and

WHEREAS, World Day Against Tracking in Persons calls on governments, law enforcement, public services, elected officials, and civil society to assess and enhance their efforts to strengthen prevention, identify and support victims, and end impunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors recognizes July 30 as World Day Against Trafficking in Persons and encourages all Dane County residents and elected officials to raise awareness and address the issue of human trafficking.

Patrick Miles, Chair
Dane County Board of Supervisor

Signed and sealed before me this
_____ day of _____, 2023.

Scott McDonell,
Dane County Clerk