

Meeting Date
<b>March 17, 2015</b>



AGENDA	
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Item No.	<b>I.A.</b>

**AGENDA REPORT**  
*BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS*

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Resolution: East Coast Human Trafficking Task Force in Brevard County
<b>DEPT/OFFICE :</b>	Commissioner Robin Fisher District 1 County Commissioner

**Requested Action:**  
 It is requested that the Brevard Board of County Commissioners approve a resolution to recognize the East Coast Human Trafficking Task Force in Brevard County

**Summary Explanation & Background:**  
 Human trafficking is modern day slavery exercised through forced labor, debt bondage, involuntary servitude, forced marriage and commercial sexual exploitation. Traffickers exploit another person for labor or sexual purposes, often pocketing a big profit. Officials say human trafficking is the second-most lucrative criminal enterprise, behind drug trafficking and ahead of weapons dealing, generating \$43 billion in revenue each year. It is estimated that 17,500 to 20,000 victims are trafficked into the U.S. annually with Florida being the third largest hub of U.S. human trafficking, and is present in Brevard County.  
 By Presidential Proclamation -- January has been set aside as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, we realize that this is an all year battle and as such and continue our support of detection and prosecution efforts will continue until this matter is resolved and our youth and citizens are free from human trafficking and forced labor.  
 East Coast Human Trafficking Task Force in Brevard County, led by Dr. Anthony Davis, continues to collaborate with a safety network of stakeholders including law enforcement, governmental and non-governmental agencies and faith based communities in identifying, rescuing and restoring victims of human trafficking in Brevard County.

Staff Contact: Holly Woolsey, Legislative Aide, District 1: 321-264-6750

Clerk to the Board instruction:

Exhibits Attached:

<b>Contract /Agreement (If attached):</b> Reviewed by County Attorney		Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	PR	<input type="checkbox"/>
County Manager	Deputy County Manager	Department Director / Extension					
Stockton Whitten	Assistant County Manager						



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March 17, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner Robin Fisher, District 1

RE: Item I.A., Resolution Recognizing the East Coast Human Trafficking Task Force in Brevard County

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on March 17, 2018, adopted Resolution No. 15-023, recognizing the East Coast Human Trafficking Task Force in Brevard County. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

*Tammy Etheridge*

Tammy Etheridge, Deputy Clerk

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Brevard



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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

*Resolution*

*WHEREAS, the United States was founded on the principle that all people are born with an unalienable right to freedom; and*

*WHEREAS, liberty and human rights are fundamental principles of the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, human trafficking is modern day slavery exercised through forced labor, debt bondage, involuntary servitude, forced marriage, and commercial sexual exploitation; and*

*WHEREAS, the victims of human trafficking are citizens and immigrants, men, women, and children; and*

*WHEREAS, they can be abused in their own countries, or find themselves far from home and vulnerable; and*

*WHEREAS, we recognize the East Coast Human Trafficking Task Force in Brevard County and its mission to collaborate with a safety network of stakeholders including law enforcement, governmental and non-governmental agencies, and faith based communities in identifying, rescuing, and restoring victims of human trafficking in Brevard County.*

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby support all efforts to eradicate world-wide Human Trafficking and looks forward to a future when this crime is no longer a part of our society.**

**DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session this 17th day of March, 2015.**

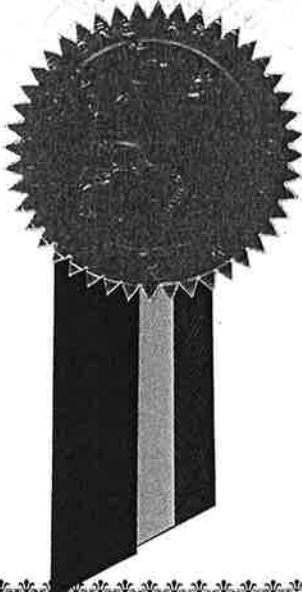
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*Scott Ellis*

SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

*RJ*

ROBIN FISHER, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA



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**Whereas**, the victims of human trafficking are citizens and immigrants, men, women and children; and

**Whereas**, they can be abused in their own countries, or find themselves far from home and vulnerable; and

**Whereas**, we must join together as a Nation and global community to provide a safe haven by protecting victims and prosecuting traffickers; and

**Whereas**, we recognize the East Coast Human Trafficking Task Force in Brevard County and its mission to collaborate with a safety network of stakeholders including law enforcement, governmental and non-governmental agencies and faith based communities in identifying, rescuing and restoring victims of human trafficking in Brevard County.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, does hereby support all efforts to eradicate world-wide Human Trafficking and looks forward to a future when this crime is no longer a part of our society.

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SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

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ROBIN L. FISHER, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA