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PROCLAMATION 2022 - 01

NATIONAL SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING MONTH

WHEREAS, Human Trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. Victims of Human Trafficking are subjected to force, fraud, or coercion, for the purpose of sexual exploitation or forced labor; and

WHEREAS, Human Trafficking is occurring at epidemic levels all over the world including communities throughout Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Human Trafficking goes against basic human rights and there is a vital need to eradicate this crime; and

WHEREAS, as of 2019, there have been 22,326 victims and survivors identified through The U.S. National Human Trafficking Hotline.

WHEREAS, Law enforcement, federal and state agencies; nonprofits, social service providers; private industry and non-governmental organizations including the **Children's Center of Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties and the Women's Resource Center**, are helping survivors of Human Trafficking in Susquehanna County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim January 2022 to be National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania and encourage all to take a stand and end Modern-Day Slavery and Exploitation in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania.

Date: January 12, 2022

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