

# The County of Dane

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, human trafficking is modern day slavery, a practice that is in direct opposition to the fundamental principles of liberty and human rights upon which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is the second largest and fastest growing criminal industry in the world, recently found to account for \$82 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, eighty percent of human trafficking victims are female and fifty percent of all trafficking victims are children; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 14,500 to 17,500 United States residents are forced into slavery each year; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance 2008 report "Hidden in Plain Sight" documents reports of human trafficking in Dane County; and

WHEREAS, Dane County supports such groups in their opposition to human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, to combat human trafficking locally, and around the country and globe, people everywhere must be aware of the realities of human trafficking and must be dedicated to stopping it; and

WHEREAS, fighting slavery has the most impact when entire communities work together on the problem; and

WHEREAS, a resolution passed by the United States Senate on June 22, 2007 has forever marked January 11th as a day of awareness and vigilance for the countless victims of Human Trafficking across the globe; and

WHEREAS, individuals, businesses, organizations, and governing bodies from around the country have called for the observance of a Human Trafficking Awareness Day on January 11 of each year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Executive of Dane County, Wisconsin, does hereby proclaim the month of January 2011 as:

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH

Signed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2010,  
in the County of Dane, State of Wisconsin.



Kathleen M. Falk, Dane County Executive

