



ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN,  
I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

January 2021  
as  
**HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, according to the U.S. National Human Trafficking Hotline, there were 22,326 victims and survivors of human trafficking identified in 2019; and,

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking, in the forms of labor trafficking and sex trafficking, is a pervasive and exploitative crime occurring in communities across Michigan, throughout the United States, and around the world; and,

**WHEREAS**, the state of Michigan recognizes human trafficking as a serious threat to the public health and safety of its residents, particularly for the most vulnerable; and,

**WHEREAS**, ending human trafficking requires an intricate, multi-faceted, statewide solution that includes health care providers, social workers, child advocacy groups, law enforcement, faith-based organizations, legislators, and the judiciary system; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Human Trafficking Commission, housed in the Department of Attorney General, and the Human Trafficking Health Advisory Board, housed within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, work in collaboration with agencies, organizations, and individuals across the state to address issues arising from human trafficking; and,

**WHEREAS**, organizations across Michigan work daily to enhance awareness and prevention efforts, provide survivors and their families with supportive services, and hold perpetrators accountable; and,

**WHEREAS**, for help, survivors can contact the U.S. National Human Trafficking Hotline by calling 1-888-373-7888, texting "BEFREE" (233733) or visiting [www.humantraffickinghotline.org](http://www.humantraffickinghotline.org);

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim January 2021 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Michigan.

  
**Gretchen Whitmer**  
Governor

