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PROCLAMATION

To Declare Cochise County a Zero Tolerance Human Trafficking Zone

WHEREAS, we recognize that Human Trafficking is a growing problem in Cochise County and that it is a crime which violates human rights and personal freedoms on the victims who are preyed upon; and

WHEREAS, Cochise County recognizes that Human Trafficking is a borderless crime that targets endangered, marginalized, at-risk children, women and men and recruits or obtains through force or coercion for purposes of sexual exploitation, involuntary servitude and other types of enslavement; and

WHEREAS, Human Trafficking is present-day slavery and a clear violation of the 13th Amendment of the United States Constitution with traffickers taking away basic human rights upon which our Country was founded; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona and the Federal Government have laws that prosecute Human Traffickers, we acknowledge that enforcement, prevention and assistance to survivors is best when the public has broad awareness of the Human Trafficking issue in Cochise County and Nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Cochise County is committed to protecting individual freedoms and human rights by declaring a zero tolerance zone for Human Trafficking and collaboratively working with local and federal law enforcement agencies and non-profit organizations in support of eradicating Human Trafficking and helping victims to recover from this heinous crime; and

WHEREAS, Cochise County opposes all forms of Human Trafficking and encourages support for those who have survived so that Human Trafficking victims can have their freedoms and dignity restored, and to put an end to Human Trafficking activity in Cochise County, the State of Arizona and across the world; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Cochise County Board of Supervisors designates Cochise County as a Zero Tolerance Human Trafficking Zone and will ensure the Sheriff and County Attorney continue to have sufficient resources to interdict and prosecute any individuals who are involved in criminal activity of Human Trafficking and applauds the efforts of other organizations and individuals and governing bodies who raise awareness of and work to actively put an end to Human Trafficking.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of January, 2016.

Richard R. Searle, Chairman

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