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Please see the attached.

Thank you.



**CITY OF UNION CITY**  
County of Hudson, State of New Jersey

**Memorandum**

**TO:** All Municipal Clerk's  
**FROM:** Dominick Cantatore, Acting City Clerk  
**DATE:** October 26, 2015  
**RE:** **Resolution**

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Enclosed you will find a copy of the resolution which was adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Union City, County of Hudson on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 entitled:

**“RESOLUTION URGING NJ MAYORS TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN ENDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AT THE LOCAL LEVEL”**

Thank You

**Dominick Cantatore**

**Acting City Clerk**  
**City of Union City**



## **CITY OF UNION CITY**

County of Hudson, State of New Jersey

### **RESOLUTION URGING NJ MAYORS TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN ENDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AT THE LOCAL LEVEL**

**WHEREAS**, Human Trafficking, modern slavery, is a 365 days a year horrific crime that takes place at the local level and can most effectively be stopped by an abolitionist movement in every municipality in the State; and

**WHEREAS**, Human Trafficking occurs when a person is recruited, harbored, obtained, or exported through force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of sexual or labor exploitation, involuntary servitude, and other types of mental and physical enslavement; and

**WHEREAS**, Human Trafficking is modern slavery, a crime that is in direct opposition to the fundamental principles of liberty and human rights upon which our nation was founded and a violation of the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which was ratified in 1865; and

**WHEREAS**, Human Traffickers target vulnerable and/or marginalized children, women and men, isolating them from society and supportive networks and exploiting them for personal and monetary gain. Traffickers use techniques to keep their victims enslaved that severely limit self-reporting. Many victims trafficked into the U.S. do not speak or understand English and are unable to communicate to seek rescue; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.N. International Labour Organization estimates that nearly 21 million people are exploited for labor or commercial sex worldwide. The Bureau of Justice Statistics, the FBI's Uniform Crime Statistics Program, and the National Human Trafficking Resource Center report thousands of victims are exploited in the United States every year, including in New Jersey and the surrounding metropolitan areas; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey is a prime location for Human Trafficking because it is a major national and international transportation corridor and a culturally diverse state. Under New Jersey and U.S. law, any person under 18 involved in the commercial sex industry is considered a Human Trafficking victim; and victims include U.S. citizens and documented immigrants; and

**WHEREAS**, NJ has increased its efforts to fight Human Trafficking through the passage of the Human Trafficking Prevention, Protection and Treatment Act, the creation of the NJ Commission on Human Trafficking, and the increased efforts of law enforcement and the Office of the Attorney General/Division of Justice's NJ Human Trafficking Task Force resulting in an increase in indictments and prosecutions throughout the State; and

**WHEREAS**, Because Human Trafficking is a borderless crime against individuals that violates the most basic human rights and deprives victims of every shred of personal freedom, state and national efforts alone will not eradicate this societal scourge; and

**WHEREAS**, it is vitally important that: all New Jersey residents be informed of and know how to identify suspicious behavior and potential victims; all local municipalities shall have zero tolerance laws and protocols in place; local municipalities take on responsibility for preventing this horrible crime in partnership with educators, community organizations, and faith based groups, and help to effectively uncover victims of modern slavery; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities commends the proclamation project and comprehensive work of the NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking. That through the efforts of over 100 diverse organizations work on community efforts to abolish Human Trafficking through education, advocacy, and assistance to survivors and to increase coordination and visibility of New Jersey's commitment to end Human Trafficking; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners for the City of Union City has already adopted a Resolution at a meeting held on January 7, 2014, which proclaims January 11 of every year as "HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY" and January of every year as "HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH" in the City of Union City.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Union City, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, they being the Governing Body thereof, as follows:

1. The Board of Commissioners of the City of Union City supports the New Jersey State League of Municipalities in urging all New Jersey Mayors to locally observe the State and National Human Trafficking Awareness Day on January 11 of each year. Each town shall raise awareness and educate the public annually about the signs and consequences of Human Trafficking; promote opposition to Human Trafficking in all of its forms; encourage support for the survivors of Human Trafficking in order to restore their freedom and dignity; and support all efforts by individuals, businesses, organizations, and governing bodies to prevent Human Trafficking; and
2. The Board of Commissioners of the City of Union City supports the New Jersey State League of Municipalities urging of all townships in New Jersey containing Amtrak stations and ports of entry (including seaports, river ports and airports) to ensure that port/train employee awareness-raising efforts have been undertaken by local, state or national agencies. Townships shall strongly encourage hotel and motel operators within their township to undergo training on the prevention of human trafficking and the reporting laws with respect thereto; and

3. It should be the public duty of every New Jersey resident to report human trafficking suspicions. Current 24-hour helplines are the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (888-3737-888 or text HELP or INFO to BeFree), a national, toll-free hotline, available to answer calls and texts in 175+ languages and the New Jersey Human Trafficking Hotline (855-END-NJ-HT); and
4. Copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of New Jersey, the New Jersey Attorney General's Office, the NJ Commission on Human Trafficking, the NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking, the 565-member municipalities of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, and members of the New Jersey Congressional Delegation.

I, DOMINICK CANTATORE, Acting City Clerk of Union City, in the County of Hudson, New Jersey, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Union City, Hudson County, New Jersey at a meeting held on October 20, 2015.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I the Acting City Clerk of Union City, have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the City, this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2015.

Attest: October 20, 2015



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Dominick Cantatore-- Acting City Clerk