January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month

January 11th is National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention, a part of Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Below are many initiatives occurring around our state of North Carolina. These actions are planned to emphasize ways North Carolinians can recognize and draw attention to this expanding crime. Many of the actions include ways to learn more about human trafficking, to participate in efforts to prevent the trafficking of humans and to provide support to assist victims.

January 11th is also Wear Blue Day. The Blue Campaign's largest national initiative to bring awareness of the existence of this crime within the borders of the United States as well as across the globe. The public is asked to take pictures wearing blue apparel and post with the hashtag #WearBlueDay as one way to bring attention to human trafficking. Please post on your club's social media and help raise awareness in your local area. Posting can continue all month long!

Below is the list of the many initiatives happening across North Carolina. Find one you and your club can participate in during Human Trafficking Prevention Month. The first step of prevention is awareness.

- <u>Chief Justice Paul Newby Proclaims January 2024 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month for the Judicial</u> <u>Branch</u>
- Proclamation signed by Chief Justice Newby
- North Carolina Human Trafficking website
- North Carolina Human Trafficking Awareness Resource Library
- 1/11 Wear Blue Day #WearBlueDay
- 1/9-1/11 Blue State Government Buildings 1/9 1/11
- 1/11 Human Trafficking Awareness event
- 1/11 Human Trafficking Simulation
- 1/16 Is This a T Visa?
- 1/18 Human Trafficking in North Carolina: a documentary
- 1/18 Chosen: Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Documentary
- 1/19 <u>A Time for Awareness Now: Forces to Combat Human Trafficking Symposium</u>
- 1/23 DMST Familial Trafficking: Prevalence, Characteristics, and Challenges
- 1/23 Safeguarding Your Well-Being: Stress, Trauma, and Mitigation Tools for Legal Professionals
- 1/24-1/25 Anti-Trafficking Alliance Conference
- 1/27 Stop Human Trafficking 5K Run/Walk
- 1/31 Human Trafficking 101
- 2/3 Allies Rising Brunch and Learn
- 2/12-2/14 2024 Demand Reduction Conference for Law Enforcement

Together, we can fight human trafficking and all of its heinous repercussions, making the world a safer, more liberated, and more just place for everyone.

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