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## Rowan County Board of Commissioners

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### **PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 2023 AS HUMAN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH IN ROWAN COUNTY AND JANUARY 11, 2023, AS NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY**

**WHEREAS**, by Presidential proclamation, each annual January has been designated National Human Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention month; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January has been designated as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the issues of sex trafficking and labor trafficking are a violation of fundamental human rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Rowan wishes to acknowledge the following organizations for their work to combat human trafficking: Project Light Rowan, Family Crisis Council, and the Terrie Hess House Advocacy Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Rowan County supports the three pillars, "Protect, Prevent, Prosecute," that are included in the United Nations Global Plan of Action; and

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking is recognized as a national, state, and local issue.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the County employees and Citizens of Rowan County, do hereby recognize the month of January 2023 as "HUMAN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH" in the County of Rowan and recognize January 11, 2023, as NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY. We urge our fellow citizens to educate themselves to protect, prevent, and support the prosecution of human traffickers and bring an end to slavery and human trafficking.

This the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

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Gregory Edds, Chairman  
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