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VIDEO: Attorney General Moody Presents Human Trafficking Awareness Month Resolution



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody today presented a Cabinet resolution recognizing January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Florida to the Florida Alliance to End Human Trafficking. The Florida Alliance to End Human Trafficking is the new name of the Direct Support Organization of the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking. Attorney General Moody serves as Chair on the Council and will work with the DSO as it secures additional resources to further the mission of the Council. With major events, such as the Super Bowl, taking place in Florida in the coming weeks and months, it is imperative to ramp up efforts to combat human trafficking in the state.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “I am proud to present this resolution to the Florida Alliance to End Human Trafficking, and to stand with our Direct Support Organization as they work to provide additional resources for our mission of ending this atrocious crime in Florida. Raising awareness of human trafficking is vitally important as our state prepares to host several large, high-profile events, such as the upcoming Super Bowl in Miami and Super Bowl LV in Tampa next year.”

It is especially important to recognize the signs of human trafficking now, before major events that can draw people from across the world to Florida and could create a temporary, illegal market for human trafficking.

Attorney General Moody encourages everyone to learn how to spot human trafficking. Some of

the significant signs of human trafficking to look out for include:

- Physical injuries, such as burns, branding, disorientation, scars, tattoos, etc.;
- Individuals displaying fear, anxiousness, paranoia or a reluctancy to discuss injuries;
- Speaking as if coached or having someone else speak for them; and
- Suffering from drug addiction, infections or sleep deprivation.

Anyone who suspects or witnesses an occurrence of human trafficking should contact local law enforcement or call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1(888) 373-7888.

To view a copy of the resolution, click here.

Attorney General Moody presented the resolution at a news conference today in the Florida State Capitol unveiling the DSO's new name. To learn more, click here.

Earlier this month, Attorney General Moody issued a video recognizing January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month. To view the video, click here.